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WORLD CLUB CUP REPORT FR

A LAST-MINUTE equaliser, a penalty given and one disallowed, catastrophic goalkeeping errors, a penalty shoot-out of 20 kicks. . . this year's Toyota World Club Cup took some beating for drama.

And even if Nacional of Uruguay sneaked it in the end to take the tally to 7-2 in the South Americans' favour, they would be the first to admit that ultimately it was good fortune which won the day for them.

So the year of the Dutch ended, after 2 hours 55 minutes no less, in the Tokyo sunshine with disappointment for a PSV Eindhoven team intent on emulating their national rivals Feyenoord Rotterdam and Ajax Amsterdam as winners of the European-South American Cup.

And it meant that Nacional became the first team ever to win twice in Tokyo, following their success in the inaugural Japanese event in 1980 against Nottingham forest.

Sweet victory indeed for a team which appears to be breaking up after a season culminating in the Copa Libertadores and now the Toyota Cup.

Captain Hugo De Leon — winner with Nacional in 1980, with Gremio Porto Algre in 1983 and until recently with Logrones in Spain — was reportedly playing his Sayonara match for Nacional after becoming $40,000 richer for helping the Uruguayan champions to the Libertadores title.

But in the wave of euphoria after the Tokyo triumph, nobody seemed to know exactly who would be going where, and if, and when.

Certainly Nacional will look back on their second Toyota Cup with a jumble of memories.

It started well enough: yet again in Tokyo, an early South American lead, this time a header by Ostolaza, cashing in gleefully on a dreadful error by PSV goalie Hans Van Breukelen who could manage only a feeble dab at a Castro corner.

It was the eighth time in the nine Tokyo finals that the South Americans had drawn first blood, and only served to aggravate PSV's hesitancy on the customarily hard and bumpy Tokyo pitch.

Four minutes later it could have been 2-0. Van Breukelen (no apologies for borrowing a colleague's recent printed opinion that the Dutch goalie looks as if he needs to be shot — by a tranquiliser dart) bundled De Lima over in the box after Koeman had fluffed a through ball, but the attentive little Colombian referee, Dias-Palacio, saw no evil.

PSV had their hands full containing a lively Vargas on Nacional's right, but the young Koot rose mostly to the task.

The high-stepping De Lima, constantly ready for the occasional charge, was a threat as the PSV back line huffed and puffed into gear, with Lerby's searching passes from midfield only seldom finding their mark.

PSV's best moments usually included young Ellerman, least glamourised of the Eindhoven strike force, but a very viable alternative to the Kieft-Romans duo which only threatened when the ball was off the ground.

As half-time approached, PSV's star continued to rise, Van Aerle crashing a shot wide, Ellerman heading over, Romario chasing a long ball, but it was Nacional who came closest when Heintze scooped De Lima's second attempt off the line.

Things went bitter for PSV in the second half. Urged on by a vocal group of the omnipresent Oranji fans — mostly mobilised by local branches of the Japan operation of the club's sponsor, Philips — the Dutch clearly had the upper hand.

Better organised with Koeman rolling forward with right foot cocked and an immediate air of menace, PSV were out looking for an equaliser and eventually they got it.

But not before Gillhaus had replaced the out-of-touch Vanenburg and started to offer some aerial opposition to the domination enjoyed by the unperturbable De Leon, or before Van Aerle had belted another couple of chances in the crisp Japanese sunshine.

Not surprisingly, the equaliser came after another gigantic throw-in by the solid Gerets, when goalkeeper Sere offered a soft punch and Romario gleefully headed in despite the efforts of Gomez on the line.

The little Brazilian immediately set off on a 60-metre dash into the arms of room-mate and mentor Frank Arnesen, whose playing days are over and who is now a PR and youth manager with PSV.

The PSV pressure increased, but De Leon maintained the air of a friendly uncle showing the kids how it's done on the beach in Montevideo.

The 90 minutes came and the European Champions had come to feel on top.

Extra time — a little delayed in starting in order to allow 47 TV-countries time to catch up — started in style: Van Aerle blasted wide again, Ellerman popped a glorious shot past Sere only to collect a yellow card as the game had been stopped, Castro fired past Van Breukelen's left post, and Romario shot into the side-netting

Frank Rijkaard of Holland.

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TOKYO

JONATHAN SHALLARD

after Gillhaus and Kieft combined.

After the third turn-around, PSV went ahead: Revelez tripped Ellerman and Dias Palacio ignored the protests, a brave man. Koeman waited until everyone was ready, and scored comprehensively. Only 11 minutes to survive for PSV.

But the last minute was disastrous for the Europeans. Palacio insisted Koeman had touched the ball for a corner, on the left, and the resultant kick saw Ostolaza cruising in as Van Breukelen flapped lamely again to head the ball in off a post. Nacional had come back when the game was apparently all over.

Penalties! Once before, in 1985, Juventus had won on penalties after extra time had ended 2-2. This time, it took an agonising sequence of ten kicks each, although Lerby's fifth kick for PSV should have been an early decider.

Instead, PSV messed their lines, Sere hurled himself (too soon?) in the right direction, injuring a wrist for his pains, and Gomez (a last-minute inclusion for the injured Soca) sank the one that mattered.

Almost three hours of astonishingly good and honest football, excellent propaganda if ever there was in a land still warming to the game.

Nacional had the early edge, but PSV have the right to feel badly served by the gods in the end, and also — harsh as it is to say it — by their normally excellent goalkeeper, Van Breukelen.

"We had our hands on the Cup," the former Nottingham Forest goalkeeper said after the game. "I made mistakes, I admit it."

For Arnesen, Nacional's surer technique was a vital element. "They played the ball off the ground first time while we would check ourselves to play it on the ground," said the amiable Dane. "That gave them a split-second more in which to act."

And that split second was, once again, crucial on a scandalously bad Olympic Stadium surface, where green grass is a luxury which not even Japanese hi-tech can manage.

But in terms of entertainment, the 1988 Toyota Cup ranks with the classic Juventus-Argentinos furious encounter of 1985.

It may have had many of the elements of deja vu — early South American goal, frustrated European dominance — but it also produced some of the best football of the past decade in Tokyo.

WORLD CLUB CUP FINAL — Tokyo, December 11

Nacional 2 (Ostolaza 7 and 119)
PSV Eindhoven 2 (Romario 75, Koeman 109pen)
HT: 1-0. 90min: 1-1. Att: 62,000. Ref: Dias Palacio (Col)
Nacional 7-6 on pens after extra time

Nacional: Sere — Gomez, De Leon, Revelez, Pintos Saldanha, Ostolaza, Vargas (Moran 71), Lemos, De Lima, Cardaccio (Carreno 113), Castro. Subs not used: Alles (gk), Lasarte, Olivera.

PSV: Van Breukelen — Gerets, Koot, Koeman, Heintze (Valckx 86), Lerby, Van Aerle, Vanenburg (Gillhaus 69), Romario, Kieft, Ellerman. Subs not used: Kruzen, Lodewijks, Veldman.

Penalty sequence (PSV first): Koeman 1-0, Lemos 1-1; Kieft saved, Carreno saved; Gillhaus 2-1, Moran over bar; Romario 3-1, Castro 3-2; Lerby hit bar 3-2, De Leon 3-3; Ellerman 4-3, De Lima 4-4; Valckx 5-4, Revelez 5-5; Gerets saved 5-5, Pintos Saldanha hit bar 5-5; Koot 6-5, Ostolaza 6-6; Van Aerle saved 6- 6, Gomez 6-7.

Toyota Man of the Match: Santiago Javier Ostolaza (Nacional).

Yellow cards: PSV — Lerby (63 disent), Ellerman (92, kicking the ball away), Koeman (119, dissent). Nacional — Pintos Saldanha (47, foul on Van Breukelen), Moran (82, foul on Heintze), Castro (87, kicked the ball away), Revelez (during shoot-out, offensive gesture).

INDOOR CUP GOES AHEAD

THE World Cup is going indoors, writes KEIR RADNEDGE.

At five venues in Holland the first World Indoor Cup is about to be staged by the KNVB.

It is one of the last links in a chain with which FIFA, following the Havelange Doctrine, is securing every form of football worldwide (except, of course, gridiron).

A women's world cup will be inaugurated soon in China, the World Youth Cup and the Under-16 Championship are already in place and, just in case fans had forgotten, the real thing — THE World Cup — reaches its 1990 conclusion in 16 months' time in Italy.

FIFA's attempt to secure control of the indoor game has not been trouble-free.

There are other bodies vying for control. For example, it is hard to imagine that the Major Indoor Soccer League in the United States will ever submit to FIFA rule — despite the MISL's dire financial problems.

Similarly the Spanish futbol-sala authorities will have nothing to do with the 'orthodox' Spanish federation.

Then there is an established indoor championship already — Paraguay recently beating favourites Brazil in the final in Australia.

Both nations compete at this first official FIFA effort in Holland. FIFA has entitled it the Indoor Football Championship but it seems inevitable that it will be popularly labelled the World Indoor Cup — which would do the cause no harm.

The name association with the 'real' World Cup, implying worldwide acceptance and respect, will surely help FIFA's takeover campaign.

Over the past two years FIFA has run a string of indoor tournaments to sort out a competitive structure and formulate a set of Indoor Laws.

The main issues at dispute were the use of five or six players per team (five it is), the size of the ball (a No 4) and whether touchlines should give way to 'perpetual action' off the boards (touchlines it is).

The draw took place in Noordwijk, with Holland's European champion goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen assisting general secretary Sepp Blatter in sorting out the contents of the now-traditional goldfish bowls.

As this is the first such championship the 16 finalists are present by invitation rather than qualification, with Holland and Belgium the only seeds.

As usual, football takes another step with the British associations playing hard-to-get. England's absence is unfortunate, further cementing the legend of arrogance.

Yet one of the first organised 'mini' football tournaments was held in England in the early 1950s when the Evening Standard London five-a-side championship was a regular part of the annual calendar.

Later the Daily Express backed a national five-a-side championship from 1968, winding it up one year after the Football League launched its own, highly-commercialised, 'Soccer Six' in 1982.

INDOOR WORLD CUP SCHEDULE

First round		
Group A		
Jan 5	(Rotterdam)	Holland v Denmark
Jan 5	(Rotterdam)	Paraguay v Algeria
Jan 7	(Amsterdam)	Denmark v Paraguay
Jan 7	(Amsterdam)	Holland v Algeria
Jan 8	(Arnhem)	Holland v Paraguay
Jan 8	(Amsterdam)	Denmark v Algeria
Group B		
Jan 6	(Leeuwarden)	Hungary v Brazil
Jan 6	(s'Hertogenbosch)	S.Arabia v Spain
Jan 7	(s'Hertogenbosch)	Brazil v S.Arabia
Jan 7	(s'Hertogenbosch)	Hungary v Spain
Jan 8	(Leeuwarden)	Hungary v S.Arabia
Jan 8	(s'Hertogenbosch)	Brazil v Spain
Group C		
Jan 6	(s'Hertogenbosch)	Japan v Belgium
Jan 6	(s'Hertogenbosch)	Canada v Argentina
Jan 7	(Leeuwarden)	Belgium v Canada
Jan 7	(Leeuwarden)	Japan v Argentina
Jan 8	(Leeuwarden)	Japan v Canada
Jan 8	(s'Hertogenbosch)	Belgium v Argentina
Group D		
Jan 6	(Amsterdam)	Italy v Zimbabwe
Jan 6	(Amsterdam)	United States v Australia
Jan 7	(Arnhem)	Zimbabwe v United States
Jan 7	(Arnhem)	Italy v Australia
Jan 8	(Arnhem)	Italy v United States
Jan 8	(Amsterdam)	Zimbabwe v Australia
Second round		
Group One		
Jan 10	(Rotterdam)	A1 v B2
Jan 10	(Rotterdam)	C1 v D2
Jan 11	(Rotterdam)	A2 v D1
Jan 11	(Rotterdam)	B1 v C2
Jan 12	(Rotterdam)	B2 v D2
Jan 12	(Rotterdam)	B1 v D1
Group two		
Jan 10	(Arnhem)	B1 v A2
Jan 10	(Arnhem)	D1 v C2
Jan 11	(Arnhem)	B2 v C1
Jan 11	(Arnhem)	A1 v D2
Jan 12	(Arnhem)	A1 v C1
Jan 12	(Arnhem)	A2 v C2
Semi-finals		
Jan 14	(Rotterdam)	W1 v RU2
Jan 14	(Rotterdam)	W2 v RU1
Third place play-off		
Jan 15	(Rotterdam)	W1/RU2 v W2/RU1
Final		
Jan 15	(Rotterdam)	W1/RU2 v W2/RU1

BRIAN CLOUGH. . . a Midland Maverick.

TRY TH ON FEW L

THE Italians are still feeling very bitter about the way UEFA treated them over Giannini, Partizan Belgrade and the missile. Suppress your laughter, try to be objective, try to forget the last time Roma came up before the beak in Berne and got away with murder or its equivalent, try to forget Boninsegna, Inter and the can of beer which might or might not have been full, and when you are sitting comfortably, I shall begin.

First, the details. With three minutes left to play and Partizan 4-2 ahead in Belgrade in the UEFA second round first leg tie, little Giannini, midfield malcontent, or dynamo, according to your predilections, of Roma was struck on the head by a missile and went down in a heap. He was taken off and substituted; the score remained the same. Roma at once appealed to UEFA for a 3-0 result to be given in their favour according, they insisted, to the rules. No dice, said the Disciplinary Committee. There were murmurs at UEFA that after all Giannini had gone off with only a couple of minutes left, and that anyway, he had been substituted. Not surprisingly, Roma and the Italian Press dismissed such arguments with scorn.

Roma appealed, which is always a dangerous thing to do with UEFA, since you never know what bizarre decision they will pull out of the bran tub. Celtic know all about that as we shall duly recall. Anyhow, Roma were snubbed again. The result stood, though Partizan were fined and told to close their ground for their next European home tie. Roma played again and won at home against a Partizan team described by their own Press as cowardly rabbits.

Meanwhile the Italian Press had drawn embarrassing comparisons with what happened last season in Holland when Cyprus visited them in the European Championship. A firework knocked out the Cypriot goalkeeper, who had to leave the field. Holland won by a cricket score, but on Cypriot appeal, the match was awarded 3-0 to Cyprus. Now Holland appealed and to the general wonderment, UEFA decided that the game be replayed. Which was probably what they should have decided after the Belgrade affair.

The Italian Press bitterly and cynically said they were not

GIVE CLOUGH THE JOB

SO TO the England team, the dull, dull, tiresome England team and its unimpressive manager. Oil was poured on the flames by the drab exhibition in Saudi Arabia against, it's true, a mediocre team, but hardly a feeble one. Moreover, England were substantially below strength.

The trouble was that Bobby Robson made such poor and unimaginative use of the resources which he had. There was no creator in midfield, where Thomas of Arsenal, whether or not he was restricted on his debut, was plainly not yet ready for a cap. Gary Lineker was once again mysteriously abandoned upfield all alone and palely loitering, though Peter Beardsley could perfectly well have been inside him. The eternal Nearly Man, Paul Parker, was kept on the bench though he would quite clearly have been a far better bet with his speed and mobility, than the Grenadier Guardsman Pallister or the moderate Sterland, so badly exposed when he was rounded for the Saudi goal.

Add to that the daft disposition of the subs. At nearly 29 years old, in excellent form for Arsenal, called up for international duty for the first time, Brian Marwood could legitimately have been expected to play a full game; at the least 45 minutes. He got, with Gascoigne, 9.

All that silly huffing and puffing by Wragg and Croker and the rest, weeping their salty tears for Bobby Robson, merely ignored the basic issues; that when a manager who has clearly lost his way is kept in office, things are bound to go sour. And though I think the attacks of the tabloid Press tend alas to be counterproductive, achieving precisely the survival of Robson which none of them, or I, want, you can hardly say he hasn't been provocative.

In Mexico City in 1985, he informed a Press Conference that "if you people didn't exist, my job would be twice as easy and twice as pleasurable." The following year, in Los Angeles, where England had just played Mexico, he denied that Bryan Robson had dislocated his shoulder yet again, when he had. Last summer, in West Germany, he incensed the daily Press when a story appeared exclusively in one tabloid, predicting correctly that Glenn Hoddle would play against Holland. As ye sow. . .

Still and all, what a pitiful field it is when it comes to thinking of a successor. Almost perversely, Bobby Robson's very, stubborn persistence in his job has served to see off one contender after another. That Graham Taylor, who has loyally disparaged the fact, should be top of the bookmakers' list is a sobering thought. Taylor this season has shown a great deal more tactical flair and flexibility, but it is hard to forget he was so intimately connected at Watford — and with a very unsuccessful England youth tournament team — with the long ball tactics which tear at the fabric of our game.

Here, indeed, lies the true danger of our exclusion from European competition, which is the latest of Bobby Robson's extenuations. Not simply that our players don't get exposed to the Continental game, but that our clubs are tempted to slide back into their old Neanderthal biff and bang, long ball habits.

My choice for England? Brian Clough as a *very* temporary, stopgap, part time manager, then to be discarded. (A fine club manager but in a maverick way.) Followed, if you can get him, by Jackie Charlton.

IS ONE OR A AUGHS

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

surprised; it was essential that Holland, with so many followers, rather than Greece, their next opponents, with so few, should reach the final rounds in West Germany. Which Holland duly did, bringing a huge train of supporters in their wake and winning the tournament to boot.

It was indeed a shocking decision, but "scandalous decision" were the words of the *Gazzetta Dello Sport* when Roma last came up before UEFA. You will surely remember the comic opera affair of Viola, President of Roma, Cominato and the 1966 World Cup centre-half, Spartaco Landini.

Roma were due to play the return leg of the European Cup in 1984 against Dundee United, a semi-final. The two tricksters approached the fond and foolish old President of Roma and told him they would fix Vautrot, the French referee, if he coughed up 100 million lire. Viola duly coughed up but Vautrot, a man of honour, was never even approached. Landini and Cominato went off with the dough.

Roma won and qualified, and nothing at all would have happened had there not, you may remember, been a strange crossing of wires which led Viola to believe the referee Paolo Bergamo had been involved. He hadn't, but in time he let the story slip. Viola got off unscathed in Italy where, as I may have remarked before, the Statute of Limitations is such that you will go down only if you are charged before committing your offence.

UEFA, initially at first, were somewhat sterner. They tried the case and banned Roma from participating in the coming European Cup Winners' Cup. At this, Roma appealed, and guess what? Viola was banned from European football for four years, whatever that meant, but Roma's punishment was commuted to a fine.

There was almost another paradox floating around. Neuchatel were initially allowed to replay the game they had lost 5-0 to Galatasary in Turkey, because their players had been bombarded throughout with missiles. A substitute had been hit and so had a linesman. The Turkish crowd had clearly behaved abominably but on appeal they got away with it.

Not long ago, you may also recall the bizarre affair of Celtic and Rapid Vienna, in the Cup Winners' Cup, furnished still larger paradoxes. Celtic won handsomely in the return game at Parkhead, thereby qualifying, but some idiots threw bottles on the field. None seemed to hit anybody, but a Rapid player went down like a log. Ambulance men who came on the field swore he was unscathed, but when he left the dressing room, he was wearing an immense head bandage. Rapid went to the disciplinary committee of UEFA, without success. They appealed.

And what happened? Why, on the evidence of the Rapid Vienna doctor, an honourable man, no doubt, but hardly a disinterested witness, UEFA upheld the appeal and had the game replayed at Old Trafford. Where Rapid won.

Turn the clock back further still and we find the notorious affair of Borussia Mönchengladbach against Internazionale, a game whose echoes sound down the years. Inter were in the process of being thrashed when a beer can hit their centre-forward Roberto Boninsegna on the back of the head, and he went down in a heap. A full can, insisted Boninsegna and Inter, who went on to concede seven goals. ("You lose a centre forward and you let in seven goals?" said that wise Swede Nils Liedholm to me at Fiorentina a few days later.) Inter appealed and the game was eventually replayed, drawn 0-0. Inter qualified.

Not long ago, another fond old man, Ivanoe Fraizzoli, president of Inter at the time, then superseded, shot his mouth off at a banquet after a match in West Germany, claiming Inter had sent a couple of officials to Helsinki to lean on the Finnish member of the UEFA Disciplinary Commission. Inter were incensed and Fraizzoli beat an embarrassed retreat; but not a very convincing one.

No, dear friends, I shall not invoke Lobo, Solti, Juventus and the bizarre letter of exoneration they received from the ex UEFA Secretary, Bang Bang Bangerter. But just read my lips.

WELCOME BACK, JACK

I'M GLAD Jack Dunnett has been restored to the Presidency of the Football League. Philip Carter, never a forceful figure, was hardly going to fight the good fight against the monstrosity of identity cards; yes I would even call them an enormity, a correct use of the word seldom seen, alas, even in our "quality" newspapers, nowadays.

Dunnett, a solicitor and an ex Labour MP, is a downy bird, with plenty of connections in the Commons and the Lords. He could be more than a match for the irritating little gadfly Moynihan, whose credibility has long since been diminished, not least after his ill timed, ill judged, ill documented outbursts in Stuttgart, after the England-Eire match.

That Moynihan himself should have been under direct fire when Newcastle's nasty fans ran riot at Millwall was unfortunate. The conclusions he drew were predictably dubious. My own feeling that away fans should be banned, or that at least those of certain clubs should be much more tightly controlled, remains unchanged. The arsenal of weapons discovered in a hired car at Kings Cross, put there apparently by two young Newcastle fans, was quite blood curdling.

My invaluable Deep Throat on the terraces tells me that Manchester United got it shrewdly right some years ago, damping down the violence of their lunatic fringe with a wise policy on away game tickets. First they restricted the tickets available to matches on the Continent, then they clearly controlled the entry to away games, making them all ticket, and limiting the supply. Gradually, says my informant, the thugs were siphoned off, and today, United's supporters can by and large go to away games without let or hindrance. Nor do they behave badly.

I have written often enough before of the fatuities of the identity card system. Perhaps the most significant mute condemnation of it resides in the fact that no single other European country has adopted it, though Moynihan was quacking away about his hopes that they would do so, last summer. Delays at the turnstiles, with possible harsh consequences, the discouragement of the invaluable floating fan, the lack of any real certainty that most hooligan fans will ever be detected, are all major, negative aspects of the plan. Simple, simplistic, simple minded and silly. Nor do the police, by and large, want and like it. All one can hope that is that Dunnett can knock some sense into the politicians when the bill is discussed. There is the blessing that it will first go to the House of Lords, where it is much more likely to get what the former President of the Football League, Len Shipman, once memorably called "a very pathetic hearing."

GIANNINI. . . victim in Belgrade.

FOOTBALL is as much of a political game in Africa as in the game's traditional centres such as Europe and South America. Proof was the storm which surrounded an article by Ethiopian-born, Paris-based expert, FEKROU KIDANE, in his magazine Continental Sports.

Kidane criticised events and implications surrounding the election last Spring in Casablanca of Cameroon's Issy Hayatou as president of the African confederation in succession to the late Ydnekatchew Tessema.

His comments clearly stung Hayatou and the confederation, who pulled no punches in hitting back.

Who was in the right: Kidane or the CAF? Here are the two sides of the case . . .

THE African Football Confederation (CAF) is the oldest institution in the continent. Despite the social tugging, through political, economic, social, linguistic and regional bias, CAF has managed to consolidate its unity, based on its acquisitions.

But CAF, like the OAU (the Organisation of African Unity), was directed in the beginning by PanAfrican militants whose prime objectives were to defend the interests of the continent. In politics as in sport, these worthy sons of Africa have slowly disappeared, the last of them to go being the late Ydnekatchew Tessama. One knew beforehand that the death of Tessama, founder and president of CAF, would leave not only a great gap, as the FIFA president Joao Havelange used to say, but would trigger a settling of old scores too, across the board.

The person who could have been in position to see that the change was effected in ideal conditions, Dr. Abdel Halim Mohamed, founder member and acting president, unfortunately put himself forward as candidate. Rather than play the role of conciliator or mediator he has preferred at the age of 77, to defend his personal interests, which led him nowhere.

The CAF general assembly which he presided over ran through the agenda in record time, while there were very important points needing attention. He did not have the nerve either to reply to the CSSA which had condemned CAF in unacceptable terms, simply so as not to jeopardise his candidature.

Of the two candidates still in the running once Dr. Halim was eliminated, the Cameroonian Issa Hayatou was to be elected in the third round of voting, defeating Foly Ekue from Togo.

In the first round of voting Hayatou and Ekue were neck and neck. It was during a suspension of the session that forces from outside the continent, who had for several days already been manipulating the delegates, intervened in mid assembly to have the elections conducted the way they wished to have them, operating through agents known by one and all.

Issa Hayatou, who was determined to win at all costs, had agreed on certain alliances without paying any care to the overall results. He too, disappointed by certain contradictions, thought to settle his account against those who had not supported him. Which is why one cannot but wonder if the unity forged by his predecessor is not imperilled.

The general assembly of Casablanca was certainly the most shocking in CAF's history. Corruption and intimidation featured high on the menu. The election evenings were animated with outside money, and that of candidates. The few corrupt delegates, succumbing to the trading of favours, faciliated the task of foreigners whose design was of a politico-religious character.

The unhappy fact is that certain officials, who often held office for a short period in their respective nation's sporting life, do not seem able to see beyond their noses.

Up to now sporting Africa in general, and CAF in particular had maintained a balance between the various linguistic groups.

But now what do we see? In FIFA for example, the two African delegates, General Abdel Aziz Mustapha of Egypt and the Tunisian Slim Aloulou are from the Arabophone group, and the Gambian Omar Seye from the Anglophones. So there are no Francophones. Slim Aloulou cannot claim to be one as he had officially declared himself a candidate of the Arab Football Union.

Egypt, where CAF's headquarters is situated, and which, through Mustafa Fahmy, also hold the post of general secretary, plus the FIFA vice-presidency, has just secured the first vice-presidency of CAF. It is Mohammed Ahmed who holds this post.

In CAF's permanent commissions, without counting the members, the North has six representatives, the West five, the Center four, the South and the Islands one, and the East just one too.

The survivor from East Africa is no other than Dr. Halim. So it is difficult to say whether geographical and linguistic distribution have been respected. This "decor" reflects well the electorial alliances in which everybody was defending his personal interests rather than Africa's.

Revenge

The relationships between the different factions are now based on suspicion. The desire for revenge is not to be excluded either, at the right moment.

But CAF's new president, Hayatou, aware of his responsibility is prepared to work towards the consolidation of African Unity. One might give him the benefit of the doubt and grant him the time necessary to put his ideas into practice. An honest man at heart, Issa Hayatou seems capable of engaging in dialogue in order to avoid any quibbles. He has proposed, besides, that he visit all the affiliated associations and study them with the line of policy to pursue. Issa Hayatou cannot be judged until the end of his mandate.

Meanwhile, his task should be faciliated through fruitful cooperation.'

FROM Issa Hayatou, African Confederation president:-

'FOLLOWING your article about CAF I find my duty to send this rectification to you, using my right to reply, and ask you to publish it in the next issue of Continental Sports.

1 — You say that "The Pan African militants had disappeared, the last of them to go being the late Tessema", with all due respect and with all the consideration I have for Tessema, Mr. Editor in Chief you have neither the right nor the monopoly of awarding diplomas of "Pan African militants". You are not, thanks God, the guardian of Pan Africanism and I can ascertain that all Africans are proud of their political leaders and their sports officials, they are all courageous and brave sons of Africa.

2 — Mr. Havelange, has he really said, as you ascertain, that the disappearance of Mr. Tessema "would not only leave a great gap, but would also trigger a setting of old scores across the board"? I don't think so, and he is certainly above all that. The General Assembly of CAF in Casablanca on March 10 then the FIFA Congress on July 1 and 2 in Zurich, would have convinced the President of FIFA that his fears for the least, unjustified.

3 — As to the details of the March 10 vote, the information you published is erroneous. The first ballot of the election to the Presidency of CAF, Messrs Ekue and Hayatou were not neck and neck: 16 votes for the 1st, 13 for the 2nd. There was no suspension of the session for the whole duration of the election. Since you were effectively present in the meeting hall, you could have spared your readers this false information.

4 — You insinuate that "It was during a suspension of the session that forces from outside the continent, who had for several days already been manipulating delegates, intervened in mid assembly to have the elections conducted the way they wished to have them, operating through agents known by all." and further that, "Corruption and intimidation featured high on the menu. The election evenings were animated with outside money, and that of candidates . . ."

This heavy accusation is without any proof. You must know that a journalist worthy of this name, takes the responsibilities of all his writings. Twisting facts and lying are serious professional flaws. Who were the "Corrupting forces from outside"? Who are the delegates who were corrupted? Who is the candidate who has animated the evenings with his money? Mr. Kidane either you know too much or you know nothing at all.

5 — You accuse me of "having agreed on certain alliances without paying any care to the overall results" once again you are giving groundless insinuations. It is up to you if you do not appreciate neither my candidature nor my election, but I deny you the right to become the guardian of conscience and moral lessons. Overmore, you are not the conscience of African sports.

6 — As a rational "Panafrican militant", you left no stone unturned in order to demonstrate that my election at the Presidency of CAF has broken the African Sports Unity and "the balance between the various linguistic groups".

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You brandish effectively, but have you known it, a destabilising notion. For us the unity of sport in Africa passes essentially by the balance between the sports forces of our Continent. Had you taken the time to watch my programme of action, you could have avoided such errors in your writings.

7 — General Abdel Aziz Mostafa, Messrs. Omar Sey and Slim Aloulou are authentic Africans and they are democratically elected representatives of Africa as a whole in FIFA Executive Committee, and in this capacity they do not represent the east, nor the west, nor the Christians, nor the Moslems but all of Africa.

8 — You write "In CAF's Permanent Committess without counting the Executive Members and the coopted members . . .", outside these two categories of members, the statutes of CAF do not forsee other members. Hence do learn Mr. Kidane and revise your zonal account. You say: "The survivor from East Africa is no other than Dr. Halim". Wrong. Dr. Halim whom you have on your heart, was designated as the Honorary President of CAF in

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MALAWI ended a nine-year barren spell in the East and Central African Senior Challenge Cup with a sensational fight-from-behind victory against Olympic starlets Zambia in the final of the eight nation tournament.

Malawi, hosting the tournament for the first time since 1978, were within nine minutes of defeat by the Kenneth Kaunda XI in front of a partisan 50,000 crowd in Blantyre before staging a miraculous recovery and winning 3-1 in extra-time.

It was Malawi's third victory in the annual competition, but their first since beating Kenya in the final in Nairobi in 1979. They also came from behind against the Zambians in Blantyre in 1978, a match ironically played on the same date as the 1988 final.

Ravaged by the defection of leading internationals, including captain Jack Chamangwana, to professional soccer in South Africa, Malawi have fought back strongly to stake their claim among the leading football nations on the African continent.

After qualifying for the finals of the African Nations Cup in Ivory Coast in 1984, the pick of the Malawian team was lured to South Africa and then banned by FIFA for playing in the apartheid country.

Those left behind struggled in

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Casablanca. East Africa is represented in the Executive Committee by Messrs. Maamry, Farah Ado (he was elected in Casablanca). Dr. Yayehyrad (Ethiopia) is always a member, and an appreciated one, of the Medical Committee.

9 — After having insinuated "that a candidate had distributed money to corrupt delegates" and I had concluded alliances in Casablanca, you have given free way to condescendence by deigning to award me a certificate of "Integrity and Openess of mind under the benefit of doubt".

Mr. Kidane, I give you back your certificates: I don't need them. Neither to satisfy my self respect, nor to administer CAF. The confidence which sports in Africa has put in me is largely sufficient. And it will be sporting Africa and not you, which will judge the effectiveness of my actions.

10 — Mr. Fekrou Kidane, the results of the elections of Casablanca have certainly deceived your hopes. As a sportsman, you must accept the rules of the game and the verdict of the ballots.'

FROM MUSTAPHA FAHMY, general secretary of the CAF, on behalf of the executive committee:-

'IT is not the CAF but Africa as a whole which you have put in question and the African Associations which you have insulted by your insinuations.

How can you speak of the sovereign African associations as being corrupt? Is it because they did not vote the way you wished them to vote? How can you say that the African sports officials are those people who "do not seem able to see beyond their own noses"?

By virtue of what right could you say "In politics as in sports, these worthy sons of Africa have slowly disappeared, the last of them to go being the late Y. Tessema"? Who are exactly you, the Heads of African States? Who are the eminent political and sports officials? Who are the great militants like Nelson Mandela and others? How dare you ignore them if you are a real African? Are they not worthy in your eyes? Are they not sons of Africa?

Despite the respect and the consideration we have for our late president Tessema, yet we think that you have no right and no moral authority to award titles to some, and deprive others.

That you were disappointed by the last General Assembly of CAF, this we all know, since the candidate for whom you had launched a very active campaign failed to be elected. However, to expose your rancour and bitterness and try to discredit CAF, its member associations and its democratically elected officials is — to say the least — inconsistent and a failure on your part to realise the facts.

One may be vexed and broken-hearted by the results of the election, but when one commits oneself in an electorial campaign, as in your case, the least thing to do is to accept the democratic verdict and the results of the ballots.

In order to give more credibility to your article, you did not hesitate to implicate the name of president Havelange who is an eminent world football official and a very respected man. You attributed a few declarations to president Havelange in your allegations!

You accuse the present CAF officials of having harmed the unity of Africa, when through your insinuations on politics and religion and through your deliberate false geographic distribution of responsibilities, you create schisms among the African people and you divide Afreica.

You would better know that the African people, whether from the East or the West, the North or the Centre, whether they are Christians, Moslems or Animists, are all authentic sons of Africa.

Despite your allegations and the negative spirit wich has characterised your words, CAF will continue to go ahead and to progress in the domains of unity and dignity . . . if you don't mind.

The executive committee of CAF meeting in Cairo in September 1988, decided unanimously to send this rectification to you, stressing that CAF receives no lessons and CAF will continue to see to it that it remains a respectable institution, democratic, united, proud and responsible, contrary to the wish of some who suffer from home-sickness and disappointment.'

LAWI MAGIC

From MARK GLEESON in Malawi

international competition and the country's performance reached an all-time low when minnows Botswana beat them 2-0 in a friendly in Gaborne in 1986.

But the appointment of former international full-back Reuben Malola as coach — he was a member of the 1978 winning team — saw their fortunes change and Malawi begin the long climb back up the ladder.

They beat Zimbabwe, Swaziland and Zambia to qualify for the all-Africa games in Nairobi in 1987, where they humbled mighty Egypt 2-1 to top their preliminary group and qualify for the semi-finals.

Kenya beat them on penalties in that match, but Malawi then hammered African champions-elect Cameroon 3-1 in the third place play-off.

In 1988 they edged out Uganda to qualify for the second phase of the World Cup qualifiers and also won friendly matches away in neighbouring Mozambique and Kenya.

Victory in the East and central African Senior Cup Challenge tournament confirmed their rehabilitation under Malola and his assistant Mathius Mwenda.

Malawi had a shaky start to the tournament, being held by Tanzania, fresh from a shock defeat from Swaziland in the preliminary round of the African Nations Cup qualifiers.

But they bounced back to top group A, based in the capital Linonswe, and qualify for a semi-final place against Zimbabwe.

Zambia were winners of Group B in Blantyre, but needed a 3-0 win over Uganda in their final match to confirm their passage to the semi-finals.

Malawi triumphed over Zimbabwe and Zambia, featuring just five of their Olympic squad, but were extrmely lucky to edge Kenya to reach the final of a tournament that got better as each match progressed.

It was a colourful spectactle, lavishly hosted by a Malawian government keen to see the two-week tournament prove successful. The hosts, Kenya and Zimbabwe all proved strong, physical teams with an English long-ball style of play, while the slim Zambians relied more on ball skills in true African tradition.

GROUP A

MALAWI 0 TANZINIA 0
A TENSE start to the tournament by the hosts with their young strikers missing several good chances.

Malawi suffered a setback when star winger Clifton Msiya, one of their outstanding players at the 1984 African Nations Cup finals in Ivory Coast, was taken off with an ankle injury that ruled him out of the rest of the tournament.

His replacement Charles Phiri injected some life into the front line but Stephen Nemes, back in the Tanzanian goal after injury, held firm under the pressure.

Malawian schoolboy Mabvuto Lungo also looked good after coming on for Peterkins Kayira in the second half as Malawian coach Malola went for the two points.

KENYA 2 ZANZIBAR 0
KENYA broke the tournament's goal drought with a hard-fought win after Zanzibar had shown some initial promise.

It was Kenya's first win over the islanders in the tournament since 1973 and came through goals by James Nandwa (44th minute) and Henry Motego (89th minute).

Nandwa's goal beat Zanzibar goalkeeper Rifat Saida from close range after Zanzibar striker Eddy Abdalla had earlier seen his free kick fly to safety off Harambee stars goalkeeper David Ochieng's head and Issa Lambo plant his header against the Kenyan crossbar.

Kenyan Peter Dawo made the final goal, beating defender Said Ibrahim to cross for the unmarked Motego to slammed home an angled shot.

MALAWI 1 ZANZIBAR 0
IT took a clever substitution to save the Malawians from blushes and take them to the top of the group alongside Kenya.

Coach Malola took off the ineffectual Rex Zaja at half-time and his replacement Charles Phiri did what was required by netting in the 54th minute.

But the Malawians would have wanted more goals against Zanzibar, effectively eliminated after their second consecutive defeat.

Rehabilitated striker Frank Sinalo, back from a year-long suspension for disciplinary reasons, was still looking for his first goal in four matches with the Malawians since his clemency.

KENYA 0 TANZANIA 0 A STUNNING result for the Taifa stars which put them in line for a semi-final place with just minnows Zanzibar to face.

It was a dour game in front of a small crowd at the Civo Stadium and both sides put up lacklustre performances.

Kenya did find the net after 21 minutes but their "goal" was ruled offside.

Strikers Dawo and Nandwa both squandered seemingly easy chances before the half-time whistle, and David Akoi hit the crossbar in the 79th minute.

Tanzania's best chances came in the 49th minute when veteran Omar Hussein had his free kick half-stopped by Harambee Stars goalkeeper Ochieng and in the final minute when substitute Muhesa Kiwuru missed after breaking into the clear.

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TANZANIA 0 ZANZIBAR 1
TANZANIA needed just a draw to put the pressure on Malawi and Kenya and it was expected that their countrymen would allow them victory and a certain semi-final place.

But the fierce rivalry between the mainlanders and islanders saw a tense game with both sides hitting shots against the woodwork in the first half and Tanzanian substitute Philemon Fumo repeating the act in the 66th minute as the ball crashed out from under the crossbar.

That proved costly four minutes later when Zanzibar captain Seif Baws was brought down on the edge of the box and Eddy Abdalla slammed home a stunning free kick.

Tanzania put on a late flurry and in the final minute substitute Hamisa Gaga found himself with only Zanzibar goalkeeper Saidi to beat, but blasted the game's best chance woefully wide.

MALAWI 3 KENYA 0
ZANZIBAR'S shock win earlier meant the tension was off the two teams and quality football was in the offing.

And it started after just five minutes when tiny midfielder Kayira got up at the far post to head a corner.

As the home fans went wild with delight, Kayira repeated the trick 27 minutes later, this time heading home off the post.

Kenyan coach Mohamed Kheri replaced goalkeeper Ochieng with Gor Mahia club-mate Tirus Omondi after 60 minutes, but that did not stop veteran Gilbert Chirwa scoring the third five minutes later from close-range after defensive partner Young Chimodzi had his header cleared from the goal-line.

GROUP B

ETHIOPIA 0 ZAMBIA 0
A FULL house came to see the tournament's opening match at the Kamazu Stadium in Blantyre and left disappointed after 90 minutes of goalless play.

The Zambians featured only three players from their crack Olympic team, the rest staying at home or with their clubs in Europe.

But one of the three, Derby Matinka, came close in the 15th minute when his powerful left-footed drive was stopped by Ethiopian goalkeeper Tekabi Zewdi.

The defending champions played skilful football with centre forward Mulugate Kedebe looking particularly dangerous and Mulugeta Woldyese showing some neat touches.

UGANDA 0 ZIMBABWE 0
THE third consecutive goalless draw put a damper on the competition.

Neither side looked at all sharp and the crowd dwindled away as the match wore on.

Uganda were obviously missing the inspiration of captain Paul Hasule, who gave the tournament a miss in order to attend a computer course in Britain.

Zimbabwe were without Belgian-based professional Moses Chungu, and it showed as their inexperienced forwards turned in a lack lustre performance.

ETHIOPA 2 UGANDA 1
THE defending champions finally converted all their skill into goals and comdemned Uganda to the scrapheap for another year.

The Ethiopian hero was Woldyese who snatched both goals on either side of the break.

The lanky forward, who helped his club Coffee Marketing win the Ethiopian championship earlier in the year, had the Ugandan defence in tatters with his skilful dribbling.

A late penalty by perennial Ugandan goalscorer Ronnie Vubya saw the Cranes come back into the match, but time ran out before they could conjure an equaliser.

ZAMBIA 1 ZIMBABWE 1
A REAL cracker as the two long-standing rivals went for each other's throats.

Zimbabwe were the dominant force early on with Rahman Gumbo missing a golden opportunity after 30 seconds.

But Zambia scored first when Biggie Mbasela displayed some deft ball control to control a cross, turn and place the ball wide of acrobatic Zimbabwean goalkeeper Japhet M'parutsa.

Gumbo made up for his earlier miss 20 minutes later when Henry McKop conjured up an easy chance for him and the score board stayed at 1-1 until the end.

ETHIOPA 1 ZIMBABWE 2
A REPEAT of the 1987 final in Addis Ababa, where Ethiopa had triumphed on penalties.

Victory for either side would have assured qualification for the semi-finals and the early tension showed as Zimbabwean veteran Stanley Ndunduma was fouled in the Ethiopian penalty area after 12 minutes and Malawian referee Henry Mwaluirwa pointed to the penalty spot.

Ndunduma got up to convert the kick himself, but Ethiopia pulled back level midway through the first half when Bikele Brehane deflected Yonas Teffera's 20th minute free kick past M'parutsa in the Zimbabwean goal.

The Ethiopians complained bitterly afterwards about alleged refereeing bias against them, but there was no doubting the legitimacy of the Zimbabwean winner in the 83rd minute when the exciting McKop flicked-on for Mercedes Sibanda to power home a forceful header.

UGANDA 0 ZAMBIA 3
A DRAW would have been good enough to see the KK XI through, but they turned on the charm for the spectators after the two disappointing opening draws.

It took 62 minutes before the Cranes buckled under the pressure when Linos Makwase shook the net with a typically opportunist goal from Timothy Mwitha's cross.

With seven minutes left, Mbasela headed home the Zambian second and then Olympic hero Makinka got a third in the last minute when Mbasela put him in the clear.

The ball skills of the Zambians were a delight while Uganda ended the tournament with just a solitary point, as they had done the year before in Ethiopia when the Zambians also trounced them.

SEMI-FINALS

MALAWI 0 ZIMBABWE 0
(abandoned after 107 minutes)
THE lights went out on the semi-final at the Civo Stadium at the start of the second half of extra-time, with a power failure plunging the 30,000 capacity stadium into total darkness.

After a 30-minute delay, the match commissioner called the game off, just as it was looking like a penalty shoot-out.

Malawi were extremely nervous in front of their home crowd, although they came closest to breaking the deadlock when both Lawrence Waya and Chirwa hit the woodwork within two minutes of each other in the second half.

Gumbo missed Zimbabwe's best chance six minutes from the end of full time after Joel Shambo had put him in the clear.

MALAWI 2 ZIMBABWE 0
BACK the next afternoon , the semi-final tie went a further 80 minutes without a goal before Kayira sent the entire country into raptures.

His third goal in two games shot him to the top of the goalscoring standing, but more importantly ensured a place for Malawi in the final.

Kayira hit a bullet into the top corner that Zimbabwean goalkeeper M'parutsa could only watch rocket past him.

Sinalo then wrapped up the win seven minutes later when he calmly slotted home after Lungu's home ball found him in the clear.

KENYA 0 ZAMBIA 1
KENYA dominated the proceedings for most of the match, but it was Zambia who came through with the glory and a place in the final.

Mbasela's third goal of the tournament settled the deadlock after 78 minutes.

The goal came after captain Jordan Melu's free kick slammed into the Kenyan defensive wall and fell perfectly for Mbasela to thankfully stroke it home.

Poor finishing had plagued Kenya in the preliminary round in Lilongwe and was to prove their downfall again as the strikers left their scoring boots at home.

THIRD-PLACE PLAY OFF
KENYA 0 ZIMBABWE 0
(3-2 on penalties after extra-time)
WITHOUT several key players and with a brand new coach, Kenya's third place in the tournament was no mean achievement.

But they played badly against a second-string Zimbabwean outfit, giving first caps to a number of squad players.

The only real highlight of the 120 minutes of action was when a journalist, apparently with a history of mental illness, ran onto

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MALAWI PEN PICTURES

DONEX GONDWE: 28. Veteran goalkeeper who shared the Malawian No.1 jersey with John Ozimbiri before the latter's retirement two years ago. Made his debut against Zimbabawe in 1981 and has earned 26 caps in a seven year span. Bank clerk alongside captain Chimodzi.

GANIZANI MASIYE: 20. Club-mate of Gondwe at Silver Strikers who earned his only cap against Burundi in 1987. Has just completed his schooling and now intends to devote his time wresting the No.1 jersey away from his club-mate.

YOUNG CHIMODZI: 27. Captain and central defender who has played 113 international matches for his country since making his debut against Lesotho in August 1979. Rates the All Africa Games bronze medal as his career highlight. Bank clerk in Lilongwe.

FELIX NYIRONGO: 25. More than 45 international caps makes him among the continent's best defenders. Has struggled with injury of late though and is due for an operation after the Challenge Cup. Debut against Uganda in 1985. Works as a clerk.

GILBERT CHIRWA: 27. Attacking defender who scored twice on his debut against Tanzania in 1983 and once in the recent Challenge Cup. Has made more than 60 appearances for Malawi and is one of the surviving platers from the 1984 African Nations Cup finals squad.

MPHATSO NAMWALI: 20. Full-back who came into the side for the friendly series in Mozambique in June and has since made the No.3 shirt his own. The final against Zambia was his 12th cap in just five months and his best performance yet at international level.

PETERKINS NKUNGA: 24. Precious wearer of the No.3 shirt, now on the bench for the National team. Has 19 caps since making his debut against Botswana in 1986 and was in the

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the pitch in the middle of the game and started taking close up pictures!

Police had to drag him out of the stadium as the crowd enjoyed some light relief from a boring match.

Kenyan goalkeeper Washington Muhanji was his team's hero with three saves from the Zimbabweans in the penalty shoot out, while Kenya's Motego scored the decisive kick

FINAL
MALAWI 3 ZAMBIA 1
ANOTHER nervous start by the hosts saw the cocky Zambians strike in the 25th minute when Beston Chambeshi rose unchallenged to nod home from an acute angle.

And it could well have been more in the first half had it not been for some inspired defending by Malawian full-back Mphatso Namwali.

It took the substitution of Lungu for Phiri in the 63rd minute to get the Malawians going but even then they were heading for defeat with just nine minutes left.

A cross from the right, however, found the lethal form of Sinalo and he powered a stunning header home past Efford Chabbels to set Malawi on the comeback trail.

Their recovery from imminent defeat has the huge crowd in full voice and it was no surprise when Kayira blasted home from the edge of the box shortly after the start of the 30 minutes of extra time to put Malawi 2-1 up.

Zambia had by then lost control of the game and surrendered aerial superiority to the bouncy Sinalo and his big central defensive team-mates Chimodzi and Chirwa.

Captain Chimodzi crowned an excellent tournament with a self-initiated goal after a neat one-two with Waya 13 minutes from time and Malawi were home and dry for their third title in the annual competition.

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICAN SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

Blantyre, November 19, 1988

Malawi 3 (Sinalo 81, Kayira 94, Chimodzi 107)
Zambia 1 (Chambeshi 25)
HT: 0-1 Att: 50,000 Ref: Yesus Tesfao (Ethiopia)

Malawi: Gondwe, Namwali, Chirwa, Chimodzi, Nyirengo, Kayira, Lungu (Phiri 63), Malunga, Waya, Singo, Sinalo.

Zambia: Chabala, Soko, Changwe, Lwandamina, Makinka, Melu, Makwase, Chambeshi, Mwango, Mbasela, Mnitwa (Sakala 97)

PREVIOUS WINNERS

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1983 — KENYA
1984 — ZAMBIA
1985 — ZIMBABWE
1987 — ETHIOPIA

AL AHLY'S long reign at the top of the African club soccer heap has ended in their defeat in the semi-finals of the Champions Cup by Algerians Entente Setif.

The Egyptians were beaten on penalties after the two teams had drawn their two legged tie 2-2, ending a four-year run of success in continental competition.

ANGOLA have become the final team to secure a berth in the second round of the African qualifiers of the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

Their preliminary round, second leg tie against Egypt was postponed because of the severe flooding in Khartoum and Angola used the break to play two Nations Cup games against Equatorial Guinnea, and friendlies against Algeria (1-1) and Tunisia (0-5) before shocking the Sudanese 2-1.

Angola join African champions Cameroon, Nigeria and Gabon in the second round phase which kicks off this month.

squad that earned a bronze medal at the All-Africa Games in Nairobi in 1987.

COBRA MOLAMBO: 21. Defender who has yet to make his international debut and was a late inclusion in the Challenge cup squad to gain some vital experience. Plays for Lilongwe.

HOLMAN MALUNGA: 24. Midfielder who has returned from a stint with Belgian third division side Rosselare. His brother Kennedy plays for Kortrijk in the Belgian first division. Plans to return to Europe after the World Cup qualifiers against Egypt and Kenya in January. More than 50 caps.

CLIFTON MSIYA: 24. Exciting winger injured against Tanzania and played no further part in the Challenge Cup tournament. Was banned by FIFA for playing in South Africa but now restored. More than 40 caps since making his debut in 1981 against Swaziland with 10 goals. Hotel management trainee.

PETERKINS KAYIRA: 26. Top goal scorer at the Challenge Cup with four goals, making his international total 14 in 55 appearances since his debut against Tanzania in March 1983. A motor spare parts salesman, he is also a top marksman for his club Civo United

MARVUTO LUNGU: 20. Schoolboy who was the hero of Malawi's shock 3-1 win over African champions-elect Cameroon in the third place play-off at the 1987 All-Africa Games. has scored four times in 15 international matches. Debut versus Zimbabwe in 1986.

MIKE MWESU: 19. Another scholar in the squad and the only player from one time "Liverpool" of Central Africa, Limbe Leaf Wanderers. Debut in the stunning 1-4 defeat by Zambia in a friendly in August. Also played in the team that lost 1-7 to the Olympians in Lusaka two days later.

IBRA MWASE: 22. International debut in the 3-2 win over Tunisia in December 1987 and now has seven caps with two goals. Did not play in the Challenge Cup, however. Helped his club, Admarc Tigers, win the Kamazu Cup against Silver Strikers in October.

LAWRENCE WAYA: 25. Footballer of the Year in 1986 and 1987 and a great favourite in Malawi. Made his debut as a substitute against Tanzania in 1982. Plays all over the pitch, but can best be described as an attacking midfielder.

CHARLES PHIRI: 26. One goal against Zanzibar in the Challenge Cup took his tally to four in 20 international appearances. Made his debut against Zimbabwe in 1986 and is a member of the Kamazu Cup winning Admarc Tigers team. Can play either up front or in midfield.

ZEX RAJABU: 21. Like Mwase, also made his debut against Tunisia in December, 1987, but lost his place in the Challenge Cup team after a poor performance in Malawi's opening matches against Tanzania and Zanzibar. Has nine caps and scored twice at international level.

AUSTIN NYONGO: 24. In his last year at school at Lilongwe, Nyongo was stopped from playing for the Malawi Schools against Zambia Schools because he was too good! Debut against Zimbabwe in 1986 and has 17 caps with two international goals.

MACDONALD SINGO: 22. Was a late selection for Malawi earlier in the year and an energetic striker who is continually hassling opposing defenders. When not playing for Kamazu Cup winners Admarc Tigers or Malawi, is a mechanic.

FRANK SINALO: 25. Prolific goalscorer who is the "bad boy" of Malawian football. Banned for playing in South Africa, he won a reprieve when he returned home only to be suspended again for bad behaviour at the All-Africa Games. Now back in favour again and replied with a vital Challenge Cup final goal.

PLAYER PORTRAIT

HYSEN WINS TOP AWARD

by HAKAN HERMANSSON

SWEDISH star Glenn Hysen has been named as his country's Footballer of the Year for 1988.

The 29-year-old received the award the day before Sweden's Father's Day and immediately announced: "I thank my father for everything."

Hysen hails from Gothenburg, a dirty, industrial harbour city on the west coast.

Gothenburg has the highest rate of divorces and suicides, the filthiest air — but the best football.

Four of the First Division's 12 sides come from the city — Frolunda, IFK Gothenburg, GAIS and Orgryte.

Hysen grew up in Hisingen, the heavy industrial island in Gothenburg. As a child, he spent a lot of his time outside with father Kurt in the dirty air.

"My Dad and I played football all the time. He has always had a lot of patience and he is the one who has done the most for me in my career."

Clumsy

Hysen joined IFK Gothenburg — known as the "Blue-White" — at the age of 18.

He belonged to the Swedish national junior team but no-one really saw a potential star in the big and clumsy defender.

Hysen was a good header of the ball but lacked pace and ball control. He seemed to have little quality at all.

The other players at Gothenburg's magnificent training camp Kamratgarden smiled at the rookie. But the following year (1979), Sven-Goran Eriksson arrived at the club.

Young and inexperienced, he brought new ideas to the club but met some stiff resistance at first, especially from the press.

Hysen says: "We players believed in Eriksson all the time.

"He is the one — apart from my Dad — who has taught me most of my football skills."

Eriksson believed in young Hysen, too, although his first Swedish league game didn't get off to much of a start.

"I gave a penalty away after a minute," Hysen recalls. "I was so ashamed." But he recovered — and improved.

Eriksson had begun to build a star team and educated players such as Torbjorn Nilsson (of PSV Eindhoven and Kaiserslautern, and now coach of Second Division Jonsered); Dan Corneliusson (of Stuttgart and Como); Glenn Stromberg (of Benfica and Atalanta); and Hysen.

The 1982 Gothenburg side was probably the best Swedish club team ever.

But the UEFA Cup victory over Hamburg cost the club a lot as several continental clubs opened their eyes.

Benfica bought Eriksson and a year later, Stromberg followed his coach.

Nilsson was traded to West Germany, Corneliusson as well. And PSV Eindhoven were hooked on Hysen in 1983.

Hysen's stint in Holland is one he wants to forget. For a year-and-a-half, he was played in the wrong position — as a midfielder or even a forward.

Hysen remembers: "They didn't let me play at all. I moved back home again in August, 1985."

At Kamratgarden, everybody was stunned. During his stay in Holland, Glenn had lost most of his skill — and most definitely his confidence.

It took Hysen six months to recover. By March, 1986, he was all right as Gothenburg eliminated Aberdeen in the quarter-finals of the European Cup.

In the semi-final against Barcelona, the Swedes won the first leg in their home Ullevi Stadium by 3-0 but Hysen was then ruled out of the return with chicken pox.

"I was in bed suffering as the Spaniards won 3-0 and we lost on penalties. It was unbelievable — I couldn't understand what I was seeing," he says.

Attraction

The following year, Hysen was again a top attraction for the big clubs in Europe again.

Gothenburg travelled to Scotland to play the second leg of their UEFA Cup Final with Dundee United and coach Gunder Bengtsson (now with Panathinaikos) was met at Glasgow airport by Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson.

Ferguson, the Aberdeen manager the year before, hadn't forgotten the abilities Hysen showed at Pittodrie and was keen to discuss a Hysen move to Old Trafford.

Gothenburg won the UEFA Cup again but Hysen turned Ferguson down.

"United are one of the most honoured clubs I know and I'm sure my skills would pay off well in the English league. But . . ."

The word is money. And the big money is in Italy.

So when Sven-Goran Eriksson, who had switched from Benfica to Roma and then to Fiorentina, made Hysen an offer, he didn't hesitate to accept.

Pleasant

Hysen explains: "The money, combined with the opportunity of joining Eriksson's squad, made the decision easy."

In Italy, Hysen has improved. With new wife Helena and two-year-old son Alexander, he lives a pleasant life in Florence.

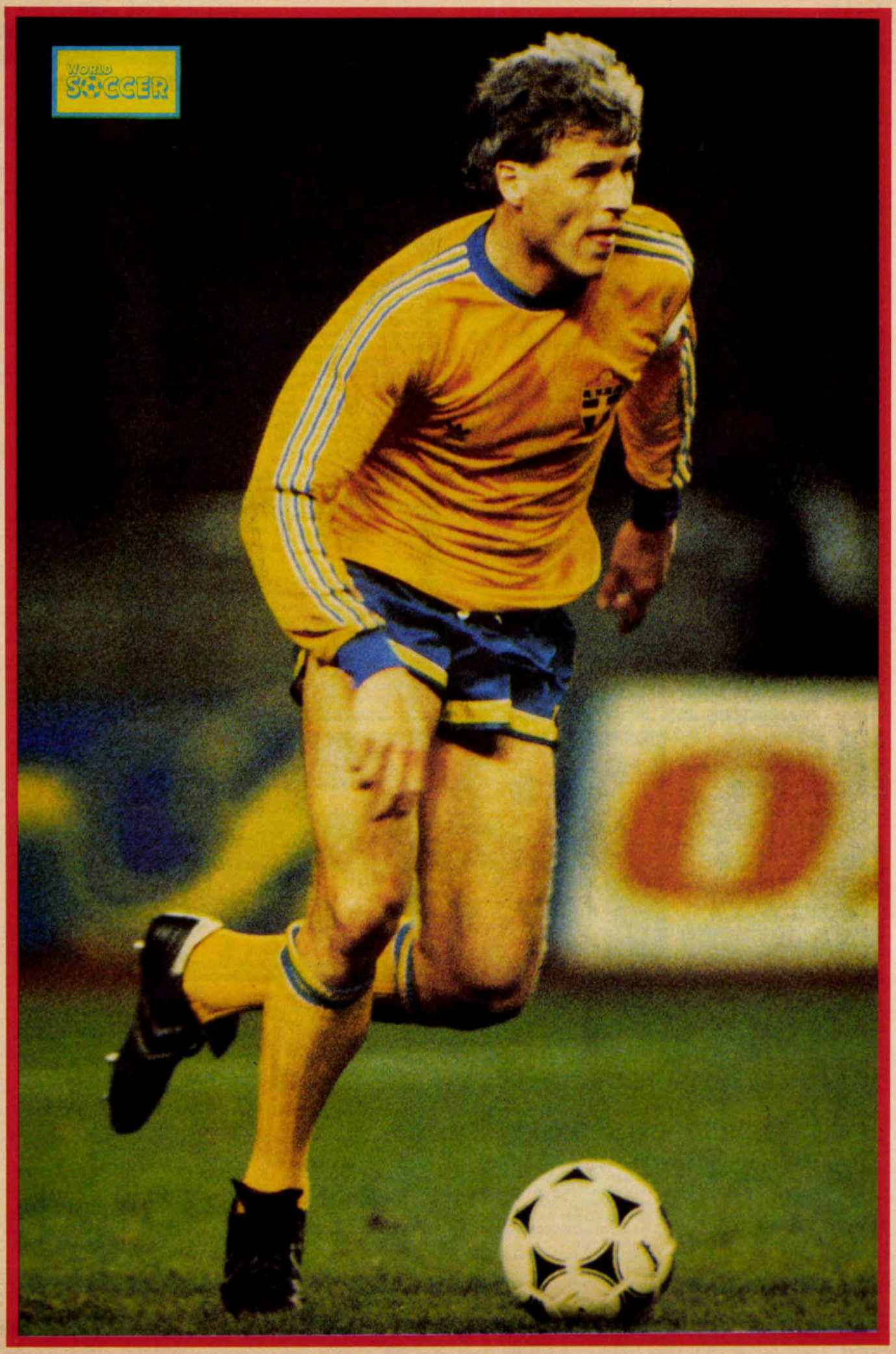
The Swedish national team has had a remarkable year so far and lead their World Cup qualifying group after unbeaten away games against England (0-0) and Albania (2-1).

Hysen, capped 55 times, skippered the side at Wembley with one of his best-ever displays for the national team.

"It was a 90-minute war," he said. "I got the taste of blood in my mouth after an hour."

Sweden have failed to participate in the big cups during the Hysen era and he recognises that the World Cup in Italy in 1990 might be his last chance.

GLENN STROMBERG. . . led the way.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CLUB FOCUS ON MALMO FF

THE COACH

Roy HODGSON. Aged 41. Now one of the most respected coaches in Sweden, Hodgson had a modest playing career with Crystal Palace. Also worked in South Africa before taking up coaching in Sweden, leading Halmstad to league titles in 1976 and 1979. After a short spell back in England with Bristol City, mainly as an assistant to one-time Malmo boss Bob Houghton, Hodgson led Orebro SK to a Second Division title in 1984. Being appointed as the manager-coach of Malmo, he has guided the club to four consecutive 'Allsvenskan' victories and to two play-off wins in 1986 and 1988. Malmo were also Swedish Cup winners under Hodgson in 1985-86.

THE PLAYERS

Jan MOLLER. Aged 35, 19 caps. Goalkeeper. A local-born keeper with well over 500 first team matches for MFF. One of the remaining members of the Malmo team which lost to Nottingham Forest in the 1979 Champions' Cup Final. Spent three seasons (1980-83) abroad, first with Bristol City and then in Canada with Toronto Blizzard. A giant keeper with sharp reflexes, he is now planning to retire.

Jonny FEDEL. Aged 22. Goalkeeper. A youth product and an under-21 international. Has Italian parents but has played all his football in Sweden.

10 caps. Right-back. Another veteran of more than 500 outings for the club, Magnus was hailed as a future star when he made his international debut at the age of 18. However, his career was then hampered by a broken leg but he earned a surprise recall to Sweden's colours in 1986. A tough customer who is good at supporting the attack. A police officer by profession.

Torbjorn PERSSON. Aged 28, 11 caps. Left-back. A tall full-back with an astute left foot. Was unfortunate to miss most of the action this autumn because of an injury. Came from Ramlosa in 1979.

Hasse BORG. Aged 35, 54 caps. Defender. An all-round defender who has now anounced his retirement. Began his career with Orebro, then played in West Germany for Eintracht Braunschweig for six years with a degree of success. A driving competitor rated as one of Sweden's best defenders in recent years.

Roger LJUNG. Aged 22, 7 caps. Stopper/left-back. A stopper for his club, Ljung played at left-back against England in the recent 0-0 draw at Wembley. An excellent header of the ball who seems to be at the start of a long international career. Signed from Lunds BK in 1985.

Per AGREN. Aged 26. Stopper. A youth product. One of the few regular first team players who has not represented Sweden at any level.

Stefan SCHWARZ. Aged 19. Midfield/left-back. A highly promising youngster who has deputised for the injured Persson at left-back. Originally from Kulladal, Schwarz, whose father is German, also spent some time with Bayer Leverkusen. An Under-21 international for Sweden.

Jonas THERN. Aged 21, 16 caps. Midfield. A talented midfield schemer, who Malmo discovered from a small Division Three club, Varnamo, in 1985. An excellent passer of the ball with splendid vision, although not always at home in the Prytz-Stromberg dominated midfield of Sweden. Was sent-off after a scuffle in a match versus Tunisia during the Seoul Olympics. Was on loan at FC Zurich last winter. "The best current player in the Swedish league" — Hodgson.

Leif ENGQVIST. Aged 26, 11 caps. Midfield. A tenacious midfield man with shooting power in his boots. Signed from Lund in 1985. Played in the Seoul Olympics and forms a fine central midfield duo with Thern.

Anders PALMER. Aged 28, 10 caps. Midfield. A skilful ball player but with a tendency for blowing hot and cold. Has come through the junior ranks and has over 300 first team appearances to his name. Father Calle was a star for Malmo and Sweden in the 1950s and is now one of the town's most famous sports-writers.

Joakim NILSSON. Aged 22, 5 caps. Midfield/attack. A left-sided midfielder or a winger who has forced his way into the national side this past season. Noted for his strong running and accurate crosses. Was found playing for a small Fram Landskrona club — in the Swedish Fifth Division!

Niklas LARSSON. Aged 22. Midfield/attack. One of many talented youngsters pushing for a first team place. Signed from Olympics BK in 1986.

Martin DAHLIN. Aged 20, 1 cap. Attack. This season's sensation with 17 league goals plus four in the 7-3 thrashing of Djurgarden. A fast and powerful striker, who looks likely to join Italy's Fiorentina. Originally with Lunds BK.

Hakan LINDMAN. Aged 27. Attack. A vastly under-rated centre-forward whose intelligent target man game belies the fact that he has never won a full cap for Sweden. A attempt to win a contract with Anderlecht also failed. Signed from Karlstads BK in 1986, he has come into his own since the selling of Mats Magnusson to Benfica.

Lasse LARSSON. Aged 26, 9 caps. Attack. Sweden's top scorer in 1987 with 19 league goals but has been out through injury for most of the 1988 season. Began playing with IFK Trelleborg. A sharp penalty box opportunist, Larsson also had an unhappy spell in Italy with Atalanta.

ROY - TOP EXPORT!

AFTER steering Malmo FF to their 14th Swedish league championship, Roy Hodgson is emerging as one of England's top coaching exports to the continent.

Virtually unknown in England, but already an authority in Sweden, Hodgson has made important adjustments to his coaching philosophy while still remaining essentially British.

His qualities as a coach are almost too familiar in the Football League but the trick is how to make them work in a different environment.

Every good British coach worth his salt is a great motivator of players. So is Roy.

But where he outscores most of his compatriots is his tactical adaptability. It is a different ball game once you cross the British channel.

When watching Malmo play, it is easy to spot that they are being coached by a Briton.

Yet they don't play like a typical British side, if you can notice the difference.

Hodgson has brought all the British virtues across the North Sea and then matched them with Swedish mentality.

The end-product is very efficient, to say the least. Hodgson has sometimes been criticised for not allowing Malmo players to "express themselves freely" or that he is binding their natural instincts to a pattern.

His approach may not be very complex. There is certainly not so much interchanging or other tactical chess games that we saw during the European Championship finals.

As in England, a left-back is a left-back in Malmo, too, and is not asked to do a job that would upload his brain in a match.

Perhaps that is a sacrifice that you have to make in a country like Sweden, where the game is still more or less part-time.

But with a good level of skill, Malmo — and Hodgson — can make their 'simple, simple' style bring exciting results . . . like the amazing 7-3 win over Djurgarden in the play-off final for the championship.

While IFK Gothenburg have been carryng the flag internationally, domestically Malmo now hold the upper hand.

They have won the league four times on the trot, although they've only twice been lucky in the play-off series which decides the eventual champions.

But to suggest that Hodgson's side lacks the necessary international ambition would be ludicrous. One must remember that it was Malmo, not Gothenburg, who were the first Swedes to reach a major international final when they lost 1-0 to Nottingham Forest in the Champions' Cup Final in 1979.

This season, Malmo were knocked out of the UEFA Cup by Inter Milan but only after outplaying the Italians in the first leg, which they somehow lost 1-0 to an Aldo Serena goal.

Malmo then battled their way to a 1-1 draw at San Siro.

Hodgson believes that the European games have lost a lot of their appeal in recent years.

He says: "It is becoming harder year after year to get a truly good draw in Europe.

"Inter are special, so are Real Madrid and Bayern Munich. But several other teams simply don't attract enough fans."

The club will need all the income they can get from big international matches as they are now on the verge of turning full-time.

Next season, 22 Malmo players will be allowed to leave their civil jobs and concentrate solely on football.

Besides, in 1987 they launched an ambitious youth scheme called 'The Football University', which costs the club nearly £70,000 a year.

"This youth scheme is very close to my heart," says Hodgson.

"It would be an ideal situation where the club would be able to develop all their own players.

JONAS THERN. . . the best in Sweden.

"In 1987, when we met Ajax Amsterdam in the Cup-Winnders' Cup, I was most impressed by their marvellous youth organisation.

"We, too, now aim to raise the level of skill of our youngsters. The scheme enables talented boys to combine football with studies for a civil career so that they will have a decent job to fall back on if they don't quite make it into football.

"This way. we will be able to push forward players who are mature enough for first team football earlier than before."

And, of course, the fact that Malmo have almost a monopoly of talented players in the Skane area does no harm at all to their cause.

But even a club as dynamic as Malmo are aware that big foreign sides will always be viewing their best players in the hope of finding potential new stars.

Since 1950 — when Kjell Rosen signed for AC Torino — MFF have sold 21 players to professional clubs abroad.

The last to leave was star forward Mats Magnusson, whom Benfica signed in August 1987.

But with the signing of promising stopper Jean-Paul Vonenburg from Hammarby and Finnish Under-21 goalkeeper Petri Jakonen from Lahden Reipas, Hodgson feels that his angles will be safely covered during the new season.

MALMO FF

Founded: 1910
Stadium: Malmo-Stadion in Pildams Park (capacity 35,000)
Chairman: Hans Bjorkman-Cavalli
Manager-coach: Roy Hodgson
Colours: Light blue shirts, white shorts, white socks
Swedish League: 14-times champions
Swedish Cup: 13-times winners
European Champions Cup: Runners-up in 1979 (0-1 to Nottingham Forest)
World Club Cup: Runners-up in 1979 (0-1, 1-2 to Olimpia Asuncion)

MATCH RECORD IN EUROPE

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Champions'Cup	27	10	5	12	28	40
Cup-Winners' Cup	24	9	7	8	34	18
UEFA Cup	26	7	4	15	25	47

Rosenborg dominate football in Norway

From KARE TORGRIMSEN

ROSENBORG dominated Norwegian football in 1988.

The club from Trondheim achieved the double and naturally supplied many players to the national team.

Rosenborg are the first club in Norway to have become a limited company and the profit for 1988 was good — with the home average attendance in the league at around 12,000 spectators.

Trainer Nils Arne Eggen, a former international player with the club, has a proven record of success.

In the past three seasons every club trained by Eggen has won something.

In 1986 Moss FK won promotion from the second division with Eggen as trainer, the subsequent season Moss became league champions for the first time in their history.

But after two years in Southern Norway, Eggen wanted to return to his native Trondheim.

Eggen who is also a high school lecturer, believes football must be entertaining and Rosenborg have all the right players to qualify.

Of course, Eggen realises that his club is vulnerable. In Norway not many clubs can really test Rosenborg BK.

They could face problems when going into Europe next season in the Champions' Cup.

The club needs reinforcements in several positions to achieve their aim of becoming as good as such leading Scandinavian clubs as IFK Gothenburg, Malmo FF and Brondby Copenhagen.

Even clubs from Finland now turn up in the quarter-finals of the European Cup. So why not Rosenborg?

RBK's strength is in midfield with Karl Petter Loken, Sverre Brandhaug, Orjan Berg and the uncapped Kare Ingebrigtsen.

In attack no Norwegian club can match the twin strikers Goran Sorlaoth who scored three of RBK's four goals against Brann in the Cup final and replay and tiny Jahn-Ivar "Mini" Jakobsen.

Goalkeeper Ola By Rise is Norway's No 2 to Erik Thorstvedt, as well as being a sports journalist.

Rosenborg won their fifth league title, losing only once at home in the Lerkendal Stadium in their very last league match by 2-1 against Tromso IL when their title win was secure.

Away they slipped only once: 4-1 against Lillestrom SK, and Lillestrom also achieved a draw in Trondheim.

Rosenborg won their fourth Cup by defeating Brann Bergen 2-0 in a final replay after a 2-2 draw.

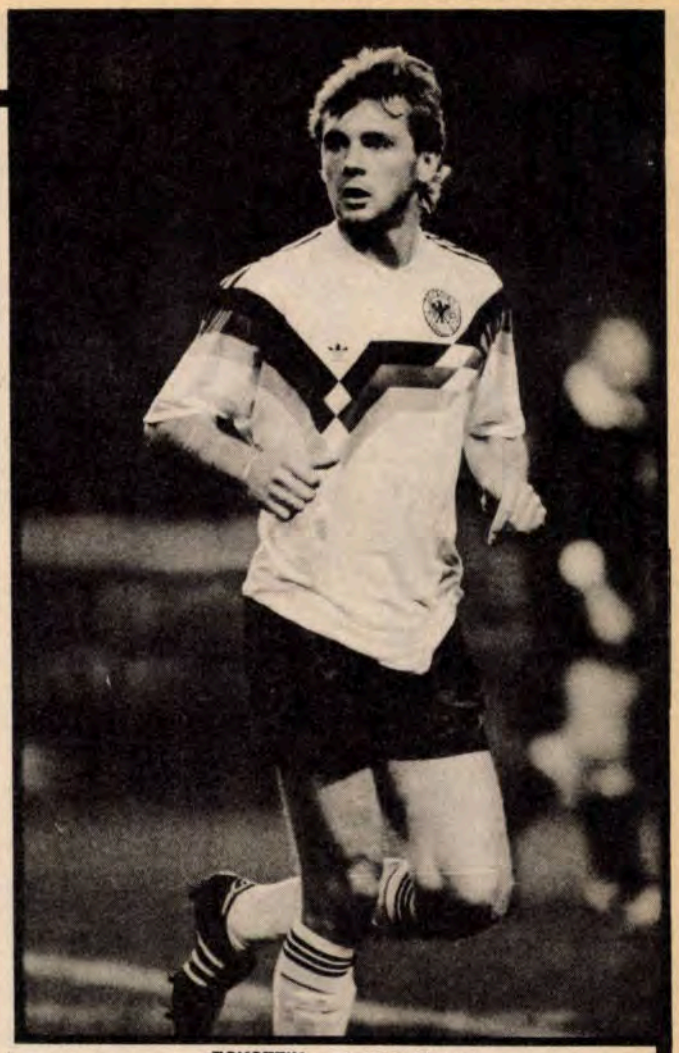
Their first was in 1960, the year they were promoted for the first time to the first division.

Norway's representatives for the 1989-90 European Cups are — Champions cup: Rosenborg. Cup-winners' Cup: SK Brann Bergen, UEFA Cup: Lillestrom.

Relegated were Bryne after a play-off, Strommen IF and Djerv 1919 of Haugesund. Viking Stavanger, Mjolner Narvik and Start Kristiansand replace them.

by ARTHUR ROTMIL

Eintracht face the threat of relegation this year



ECKSTEIN . . . rescue attempt.

ONE of West Germany's most famous clubs, Eintracht Frankfurt, founded in 1899 and inaugural members of the Bundesliga in 1963, are threatened with relegation.

Since the start of the season the team manager, the general manager and the entire board of directors, including the president, have either been sacked or resigned.

Bad management and some disastrous dealings in the transfer market have largely contributed to Eintracht's poor start to the championship campaign.

Last season Eintracht won the Cup for the fourth time and now, thanks to lucky draws against modest Swiss and Turkish opposition, they have reached the quarter finals of the Cup Winners' Cup.

But in the league, the signs are not good and unless there is some marked improvement from a demoralised team, Eintracht may well find themselves dispatched to the second division.

And that would be a tragedy for a famous club well known for their stirring European battles.

After winning their one and only championship in 1950, Eintracht progressed to the semi-finals of the European Cup, where they beat Glasgow Rangers by an incredible 12-4 aggregate.

They and Real Madrid drew 128,000 to Glasgow's Hampden Park for the final and although the Germans netted three times, they were overwhelmed by an irresistible Real team who scored seven in one of the finest of all European finals.

On other occasions, Eintracht played with varying success against Liverpool, West Ham, Tottenham, Burnley, Nottingham Forest, Aberdeen and Kilmarnock and won the UEFA Cup in 1980.

The present crisis was precipitated a week before the start of the season when star midfielder and Hungarian international Lajos Detari was surprisingly sold to Greek champions Olympiakos for £4.7 million.

He cost Eintracht a mere £1.2m a year earlier, to be spread over four years and the Germans claim to have made a cool £3m profit on his sale.

But Detari's departure left a void which the newly acquired Dirk Bakalorz (ex-Borussia Monchengladbach) and Peter Hobday (ex-Hanover) could not adequately fill.

Sale

Hobday, 27, is, or was, an Englishman who has been playing in Germany for Gilleisham, Schloss Neuhass, Stuttgart Kickers and Hanover.

He recently obtained German nationality but is certainly no Detari. Eintracht paid £500,000 for this defensive specialist.

The man most criticised over the sale of Detari was general manager Wolfgang Kraus, a former Eintracht player.

He was subsequently fired and at the same time team chief Karlheinz Feldkamp was told at his sick bed that his services were being terminated.

The new team boss is Pal Csernai, 55, and the new general manager is Jurgen Friedrich, 45, the former president of Kaiserlautern who played for Eintracht between 1963 and 1968.

Curiously enough, the then Eintracht president, Rudi Gramlich, refused Friedrich a wage rise, so he went to Kaiserlautern.

Gramlich's son, Klaus, himself later club president, took Friedrich back some 20 years later.

The new managerial duo, having rejected Polish star Dariusz Dziekanowski, put out feelers for international striker Rudi Voller.

But they were told to wait until Roma's UEFA Cup run is over, so Eintracht hired international forward Dieter Eckstein, 24, from Nurnberg for £1.3 million.

Earlier, Norwegian Jorn Andersen (ex-Nurnberg) and Heinz Grundel (ex-Hamburg), both strikers, were engaged, while the Pole Wlodzimierz Smolarek left for Feyenoord.

Csernai, the 17th Eintracht team manager since 1963, returned to the club where he began his managerial career as assistant to his Hungarian compatriot, the late Gyula Lorant 11 years ago.

He later managed Bayern Munich (winning two league titles and the Cup), then went to Portugal and Greece before taking on Borussia Dortmund and lastly Fenerbahce Istanbul in Turkey.

Csernai is facing a mammoth task for since December 1986 the club have sold 18 players for nearly £6 million.

In the same period 15 men were engaged at a cost of £4.1 million.

But only goalkeeper Stein, a former international, and Detari were top class players while those who left included international defender Berthold, midfielders Falkenmayer and Moller as well as Smolarek and Detari.

Bemused

The constant changes in personnel and management have left the fans on the banks of the Main bemused and disenchanted.

Around 14,000 is the present average gate but 20,000 are needed to break even.

Internal squabbles led to the replacement of the entire board, including president Gramlich.

Several directors were accused of having pocketed £1 million from the transfer of Detari.

The new president, Dr. Joseph Wolf, was also forced out — in just nine days — following allegations that he manipulated financial investments in which a number of leading players lost money.

Eintracht's former World Cup winning star, Bernd Holzenbein, is in temporary charge of club administration.

It is, however, abundantly clear that only a strong man at the top can save famous Frankfurt from their fate.

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NEWS FROM SOUTH AMERICA . . .

MILLONA
24-GAME

MILLONARIOS, of Bogotà, the defending champions of Colombia established an unbeaten record which had reached 24 games at press-time as they won the second of the season's championships, the "Finalización", and carried on their winning ways to top the eight-team final round at the halfway stage.

On the way they had beaten town rivals Independiente Santa Fe (2-0) who had themselves been unbeaten for 21 games.

But Colombian soccer was in an uproar as the result of the kidnapping of a referee for 24 hours by a group which has sworn to "rub out" referees who do not control games properly or rather have taken bribes to favour a certain team.

Armondo Perez, the kidnapped referee, said he obtained his liberty in exchange for the names of people (including referees) involved in match fixing which is said to be rife in Colombia.

Earlier, as the "Finalización" championship was ending, 2,000 angry fans broke into the field in Armenia, where home team Atletico Quindio drew 1-1 in a vital match with Independiente Santa Fe.

They attacked the referee and Santa Fe players, seven of whom were hurt. The referee had added on 12 minutes for stoppages and during that time Santa Fe equalised.

For the first time in many years the leading scorers (before the start of the final round) were Colombians. Sergio Angulo (Independiente Santa Fe) led with 19 goals, followed by Carlos Estrada (Millonarios) 16. The leading foreign player was Bucaramanga's Argentine, Ramoa, with 14.

Nacional of Medellín topped the overall standing from which the top eight teams go into the final round, but the teams finishing in the top four places of each of the two championships gain bonus points of one, 3/4, 1/2 and 1/4 for the final round.

Thus Millonarios and Nacional (winners of the opening tournament) received 1.5 bonus points each and America, Independiente Santa Fe and Atletico Junior 3/4 each.

Deportivo Cali had also received a bonus, but failed to qualify for the final round as they could only finish in the bottom half of the table in the "Finalización" tournament.

URUGUAY: Modest Danubio were on the point of winning the Uruguayan first division for the first time.

Only Huracan Buceo, another small club was in a position to pip them for the title. They were six points behind with three games to play while Danubio had four to play.

Danubio, the young team playing attractive attacking soccer which has brought the fans back to the stadiums, also won the season's opening tournament, the "Competencia", and curiously they have only been beaten twice and by the same club — Huracan Buceo.

They are showing signs of tiredness as quite a number of their players are also training regularly with the national team, but their big lead has virtually assured them of the title.

Danubio striker Ruben "Polilla" Da Silva is also a comfortable leader in the scorers table with 19 goals, followed by Peñarol's "Fito" Baran with 11 although the latter missed quite a few matches through injury lately.

Big club Peñarol, last year's Libertadores Cup winners, with internal problems since being eliminated from this year's competition, were lying third and had just changed their coach. Roque Maspoli, their former international goalkeeper who used to play for the club.

Nacional, this year's Libertadores Cup winners, had lost interest in the first division long ago, fielding reserves while winning the cup and giving their first teamers a rest after obtaining the trophy.

BRAZIL: Fluminense and Vasco da Gama of Rio de Janeiro and Porto Alegre's Internacional and Gremio qualified for the final round of the Brazilian national championship by finishing in the top two places of the two sections in the first round.

The second round is currently being played, again in two sections of 12 teams each, and the top two from each section will also qualify for the final round.

The FA wanted to finish the championship by mid-January on request from the state leagues who then want to get their own championships over before the intense international activity in 1989 — South American Championship (in Brazil) and World Cup qualifying matches —

Marangoni on the move to Boca . . .

CLAUDIO MARANGONI, the former Argentine international midfielder who spent a couple of seasons with Sunderland in the English League and this season, at the age of 34, moved from Independiente to Boca Juniors, has completed 500 first division matches in the Argentine League.

Marangoni made his first division debut for Chacarita Juniors in a national championship match in 1974 and now joins the Argentine "500 Club" composed also of Hugo Gatti (765 games and still active), Carlos Biasutto (633), Roberto Telch (623), Jorge Gonzalez (563), Ricardo Bochini (563 and still active), Juan Jose Lopez (551), Pablo Cardenas (538), Ubaldo Fillol (530 and still active), Jorge Olguin (529), Amadeo Carrizo (521) and Angel Labruna (515).

UBALDO Fillol, now playing for Racing, punches clear during the National A Division match against River Plate. Fillol was later sent off but Racing still won 2-1.

. . . BY ERIC WEIL

RIOS SET RECORD

but the players union's insistence that players get a month's holiday from December 12 to January 12 with play restarting on January 22 is going to make this impossible.

Several leading clubs agree with the players. Others back the FA and say they will cancel contracts of players who go on holiday. But the FA's decision is seen as a political decision by current president, Nabi Abi-Chedid, to favour state associations and get their votes for coming FA elections.

Brazil have found another scoring star in Internacional centre-forward Nilson who started the season as a reserve and is now leading scorer with 10 goals.

Another veteran, international goalkeeper Gilmar, hit the headlines with three penalty saves for Sao Paulo in a penalty shoot-out (which now decides draws in all league matches). Gilmar replaced no less than Chilean international Roberto Rojas — one of the best goalkeepers in South America — in Sao Paulo's team.

ARGENTINA: They were not playing rugby. It was merely a post-match penalty shoot-out by which all draws are being resolved in the Agrentine National A Division now. But after Argentinos Juniors and Racing Club (Avellaneda) had played to a 2-2 draw, Argentinos won 20-19 after several series of penalty shots which took almost longer than the match itself.

With the 1989 Libertadores Cup due to start early February and the championship not due to end until May, the top two teams at the end of the first round will play in the cup.

Current leaders Racing look like the most solid team with most variation in attack, the required amount of luck, few team changes and a player who is going through the best time of his career — Uruguayan midfielder Ruben Paz.

Boca Juniors' many changes have clicked and they have done surprisingly well, but like Independiente, a place below them (fourth), they are irregular.

So once again the steadiest team is Deportivo Español, second, who are not generally active in the transfer market and have, in fact, just sold their leading international striker, Jose Luis Rodriguez to Spain's Betis.

But they continue to play neat, unspectacular soccer with few team changes although at times they find it hard to get goals.

More was expected of River Plate with some outstanding players — with another Uruguayan, Da Silva, standing out in midfield — and former World Cup winner Cesar Menotti as coach. River Plate are very erratic and they have lost their three penalty shoot-outs with Menotti continuing to insist that his team goes out for wins and does not put special emphasis on penalty training.

PARAGUAY: Olimpia won the third stage of the Paraguayan first division on goal difference from Sol de America and Cerro Porteño and with the top three teams of each stage qualifying for the final round, with bonus points obtained for finishing in the top three (2.5, 1.5 and 0.5), plus three other teams to obtain most points in the three stages, the final round line-up (with bonus points in brackets) is: Olimpia (5), Sol de America (4), defending champions Cerro Porteño (2.5), Libertad (1.5), Sportivo Lugueño (0.5), Colegiales, River Plate and Sport Colombia.

The final round had not started at press time however due to a number of internal problems. Some clubs are protesting at Olimpia having included two suspended players — Gustavo Benitez and Jorge Villalba — in their games and the disciplinary committe has resigned.

The two players had been suspended because the club refused to release them for a national team tour.

The club took the case to court and the suspensions were lifted by a judge, but FIFA rules do not allow clubs to take cases to ordinary courts and the international federation was studying the matter of which, it appears, they only found out through the press.

BOLIVIA: The national championship continues with low gates and one club, Petrolero from Cochabamba, having withdrawn due to financial reasons.

Bolivia had a five-point lead over The Strongest as clubs were fighting for places in a seven-team final round.

Libertadores Cup format changes again

THE format for this year's Libertadores Cup has been changed for the second year running with three teams (instead of two) now qualifying for the second round from each of five four-team groups.

The cup competition will be played earlier than ever this year to make way for other intense international activity on the continent such as the South American Championship (America Cup) in Brazil, the Super Cup for previous Libertadores Cup winners and qualifying group play for the 1990 World Cup.

First round groups will be played from February 1 to March 29, the second round is scheduled to start on April 5, the third on April 19, the semi-finals are scheduled between May 10 and 17 and the finals on May 24 and 31.

This means that Argentina and Brazil, where national championships will not be over by the time the cup competition starts, will be represented not by their champions and vice-champions but by the top two teams at the end of the first round.

So far only Venezuela's teams — Maritimo and Tachira — have qualified plus Nacional (Uruguay) as holders and the first round groups, two teams from each country, will be made up as follows:

Group 1 — Chile and Paraguay; Group 2 — Venezuela and Brazil; Group 3 — Colombia and Ecuador; Group 4 — Argentina and Peru; Group 5 — Uruguay and Bolivia.

IT WILL never be quite clear why Argentina refused an invitation to take part in this year's "Rous Cup" with England and Scotland.

When the invitation was received the foreign ministry was asked for the "go ahead" and this it gave. Only then did the Argentine FA turn down the invitation due to "lack of free dates".

True the national championship and the Libertadores Cup will be in its final stages at the time, but Argentina has played internationals during such a time before and the reason originally given to change the domestic season's dates to coincide with the European season was precisely to make it easier to play internationals with European countries.

BRAZIL, Argentina and Colombia took the top three places, in that order, in the South American Under-16 Championship in Ecuador to qualify for this year's world championship of the category in Scotland.

Brazil showed regularity and technical and tactical superiority throughout the tournament, scoring 13 goals against one in seven games, with several of their players looking like stars of the future, especially their captain, Gilmar who showed excellent ball control, speed, a strong and well aimed shot as well as an excellent sense of team work.

New characteristic

The team's play showed a new characteristic of Brazilian soccer — pressure marking all over the field without forgetting ball play and attacking.

After Brazil, most applause went to Colombia although Argentina finished ahead of them. Colombia created enough chances with good soccer to finish higher, but poor shooting and finishing let them down.

Argentina showed the play dominant in that country recently — good midfield play, strength and fighting for the ball with counter-attack their chief weapon.

Brazil's team had been concentrated for this tournament three months earlier in Teresopolis, a Brazilian town at a similar altitude to the 2,400 metres of Ibarra where the competition was played.

Bolivian officials complained that players over age had participated in teams such as Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay whose boys looked a lot older than those of other countries. Nothing further was heard of the matter.

ALTHOUGH Mexico has been suspended from international competition by FIFA for two years — which has put them out of the 1990 World Cup — for falsifying ages of their players in a junior tournament, new national team coach Alberto Guerra has called up 18 players for a national squad to prepare for when the suspension is lifted and to play friendlies in the near future.

SHELL will sponsor a new tournament for Caribbean islands with 17 teams — Trinidad-Tobago, Barbados, Antigua-Barbuda, Aruba, Curazao, Dominica, Guyana, Granada, Guadalupe, French Guayana, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Martinique, St Cristobal-Nevis, St Lucia, St Maarten and St Vincent. The first edition will be played from April to July and Shell will pay for transport, lodging, prizes and promotion of the tournament.

After four games in the Mexican first division, Universidad Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) led the table as the only team with full points.

FROM BRIAN HOMEWOOD . . . in Rio de Janeiro

Romero still waiting for his chance

THREE years ago Julio Cesar Romero led Paraguay, a small, little-developed rural country of less than four million people, to the last 16 of the World Cup.

He scored two goals in the competition, including a header against Mexico which silenced the Azteca stadium and which he describes as the "highlight of my career."

He was also regarded as one of the best players in Brazil, where he plays his club football with Fluminense and is known as "Romerito".

All the signs were that before very long Romerito could be playing for a top European side and making himself a fortune.

But the last two years have not been kind to Romerito. He is now 28, the age at which many footballers reach their peak, but through no fault of his own he has failed to fulfil the promise of the earlier years.

Far from making a name for himself in Europe, he is still in Brazil where he has become almost a forgotten man and where most commentators regard him as a shadow of the player of a couple of years ago.

Romerito himself has had enough of what he calls "the most badly organised football in the world" and is desperate for a chance to play in the "fast" and "well-organised" football of Europe. And he says anywhere in Europe will do.

Sour

Things turned sour on Romerito three months after the Mexico World Cup, when he broke his leg during a match for Fluminense. The injury put him out of football for eight months and he hardly had a game during the whole of 1987.

He had barely had a chance to get back to regular first team football, let alone recover his best form, when he fell victim to an ankle injury in February this year and was sidelines again.

And to add insult to injury, Fluminense's supporters accused him of being a "Majaraja" — which in Brazil is the term for someone who receives money for doing little or no work.

The ankle recovered by the end of April but by then Romerito had another problem. He was broke. Appropriately enough in a country with one of the world's largest debts. Romerito was being owed money.

The "tricolours" had fallen one and a half years behind in paying his wages and he was owed the not insignificant sum of US$200,000. As Romerito's contract expired in April, he decided there was no option but to stand up and fight.

"I told them I wasn't going to play any more and that if they didn't pay me by December I would take them to court," he told *World Soccer*.

"I was almost without money so I had to demand they pay to support my family.

"Before I had never really obliged them to pay. It was only me they were behind with. I don't know why. They kept telling me they didn't have the money and as I had a contract I had to fulfil it."

In the end Romerito did not have to go to court, which is just as well, as going through the Brazilian judicial system involves more waits and delays than a summer holiday in the Mediterranean.

Fluminense eventually coughed up after selling a couple of players but this did not happen until the end of August, which meant another five months out of the game for Romerito.

"During the five months I trained hard and kept in shape, but it was very frustrating," he said. Once the accounts had finally been settled, Romerito was given a new contract which will last until the end of this month (December).

By the end of October he had finally returned to regular first team football and had helped Fluminense to the top of their section of the Brazilian championship.

"I'm starting to play better again and starting to get into the rhythm of the game. I think we could win the championship this year — we've got the ability and we're unbeaten so far," he said.

Winning the Brazilian championship is not, however, Romerito's real ambition: he is far more interested in playing in Europe.

"It's the best football in the world. It's fast, the organisation is good, there's the economic aspect and it's a new challenge," he said.

But getting to Europe could turn out to be another frustrating experience. So far he has had several proposals, all of which have come to nothing, and at the beginning of last month there was nothing on offer at all.

"There were offers from several clubs but nothing concrete came from anything of them. I don't know why — I spoke to the businessmen involved and they said it was almost resolved.

"But then I didn't hear anything else."

He said that one offer had been made by Como, one by Bologna and the others from a Spanish club and a German club whose identities he did not know.

Romerito might well have to stay on with Fluminense, where he has spent the last five years, until after December as most South American players who go to Europe are transferred during the European close season.

He has shown that he can play amongst the best — and not only in Mexico.

Before going to Fluminense, he spent four years playing alongside the likes of Beckenbauer and Neeskins with the New York Cosmos and in 1979 he was voted the second best player in the World Youth Cup finals in Japan — only Diego Maradona played better.

Romerito had a good all round year in 1979. He started it by scoring five goals for Paraguay in the South American youth cup tournament in Uruguay and ended it winning the South American championship with the senior Paraguayan team.

He made his debut for the senior side at the age of 19 against Ecuador a month after playing in Japan. In October he scored his first senior international goal: it was in the Maracanã against Brazil and won the semi-final tie for Paraguay.

And he scored again in the first leg of the final against Chile, which the Paraguayans eventually won after a play-off.

Like most South American professionals, Romerito spent his childhood playing football — in the street, at school, in fact whenever he got the chance. But he took school seriously as well.

"I was a good student and always got good marks," he insists. He did the first year of an economics course at university before stopping to play professional football.

Now married with two children, he is generally a quiet person except when he gets the chance to criticise the organisation of Brazilian football.

"It is the most badly organised football in the world. There is a lot of corruption amongst the directors. It doesn't have a well-organised championship and there is no planning for the national team.

"They don't know whether the manager of the national team is going to continue or not and they are selling a lot of their best players. I think the quality of football is going down in Brazil.

"I think one single national championship would be better for Brazil than all these state competitions.

"When they find a director with some intelligence I think it will improve — it has to improve because everybody is looking at Brazilian football."

He admits that in Paraguay there is some disorganisation and "the same disputes between clubs."

But those are the only words you will hear him say against his own country. He is not worried that most Europeans would probably place it next to Burkina Faso or Outer Mongolia if asked where it was or that the only thing most outsiders know about it is that it harbours Nazi war criminals.

Romerito is "very patriotic", misses his homeland and says that he has decided only one thing about his retirement — he is going to live there.

At home he does what all ordinary Paraguayans do — listens to the local music, drinks herb tea and speaks an Indian language called Guaraní.

And he points out that his compatriates are just as football mad as the Brazilians: "When Paraguay plays an international, everything stops. If they win the city centre is full of people celebrating."

"I was almost without money so I had to demand they pay to support my family."

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FAN CLUB: PO Box 316, Larnaca, Cyprus.

PARALIMNI

ADDRESS: Enosis Neon Paralimniou Football Club, 13 Antonis Papadopoullos Street, PO Box 20, Paralimni, Cyprus.
PHONE: 21352.
TICKETS: Available from the club treasurer at the stadium. Prices: Cy £1.50.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None.
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ADDRESS: TJ Banik Ostrava OKD, ul. Bukovanskeho 4, Ostrava 2, 71000 Czechoslovakia.
PHONE: Ostrava (69) 223 023 or 215 878.
TICKETS: Available from stadium. Prices for league matches: 10-30 crowns; season tickets: 250 crowns.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None.
FAN CLUB: Enquiries should be addressed to the club.

DUKLA PRAGUE

ADDRESS: Dukla Prague, Prague 6, Dejvice Pod Julisko 1, Post Box 59, 160 44 Czechoslovakia.
PHONE: 32 58 64.
TICKETS: Match tickets can be ordered from the above address or directly from the cash desk at the stadium. First league prices: 25 crowns; internationals: aproximately 60 crowns.
TRAVEL TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: Travel Agency Sport-Turist, Praha 1, Stare Mesto, Narodni 33, 112 93 Czechoslovakia. Tel: 263351.
FAN CLUB: Enquiries should be addressed to the club.

RUDA HVEZDA

ADDRESS: TJ Ruda Hvezda Cheb, Koseluzska 28, 350 01 Cheb, Czechoslovakia.
PHONE: 2166/22739 or 22723.
TICKETS: Available from above address. The stadium seats 500 and has space for 2,000 standing.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: Cedok London Ltd, Czechoslovak Travel Bureau, 17-18 Old Bond St, London W1X 4RB. Tel: 01-491 2666. Telex: 21164.
FAN CLUB: None.

PLASTIKA NITRA

ADDRESS: TJ Plastika Nitra, Nitra, Jesenskeho 2, 949 01 Czechoslovakia.
PHONE: 41 32 55 or 41 01 12.
TICKETS: Prices — 10, 20 or 40 crowns.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: Travel Agency Slovakoturist Czechoslovakia, 816 15 Bratislava, Volgogradska 1, Czechoslovakia. Tel: 92 321.
FAN CLUB: Enquiries should be addressed to the club.

SIGMA OLOMOUC

ADDRESS: TJ Sigma ZTS Olomouc, Stadion Miru, Spartakiadni 12, Olomouc 771 11, Czechoslovakia.
PHONE: 22956 or 27049.
TELEX: 06638 SIGMA-CONCERN Olomouc
TICKETS: Available from the club secretary at the stadium. Prices: seating — 20 to 50 crowns; standing — 10 to 20 crowns.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None.
FAN CLUB: Chairman Dipl. Ing. Alexander Hloch, TJ Sigma ZTS Olomouc, Spartakiadni 12 771 11 Olomouc. Tel: 068/204/1418.

SLAVIA PRAGUE

ADDRESS: TJ Slavia Prague IPS, Stadion Dr Vaclava Vacka, Prague 10, Czechoslovakia.
PHONE: 743725 or 746519 TELEX: 122 711 ips c
TICKETS: Available from stadium or agency. Prices: 22 crowns for First league match.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCY HANDLING TICKETS: Sport-Turist Travel Agency, Narodni tr.33, Prague 1. Tel: 26 33 51.
FAN CLUB: Odbor Pratel Slavie, Secretariat, Stadion Dr Vaclava Vacka, Prague 10.

SPARTA

ADDRESS: Sparta Prague CKD, Prague 7, Tr. Obrancu miru 98, 170 00 Czechoslovakia.
PHONE: 372 119 or 382 441.
TELEX: 122 164 Spar C.
TICKETS: Available from agency.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCY HANDLING TICKETS: Sporturist Praha, Narodni trida 33, Prague 1. Tel: 263 351-9. Telex: 122 664 CKSP C.
FAN CLUB: Sparta-Club Praha 7, U Sparty 2, 170 00.

DENMARK

B-1903

ADDRESS: Boldklubben 1903, Lyngbyvej 270, 2900 Hellerup, Denmark.
PHONE: (1) 651903.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None.
FAN CLUB: None.

BRONDBYERNES

ADDRESS: Brondbyernes I.F., Brondby Stadion 26, 2605 Brondby, Denmark.
PHONE: 63 08 10 or 45 58 30.
TELEX: 16531 cheval.
FAX: (02) 43 26 27.
TICKETS: Available from the club office at the stadium. Prices: seats — 50 d.kr; standing — 40 d.kr.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None.
FAN CLUB: Brondby Supporters Club, Brondby Stadion 26, 2605 Brondby.

HVIDOVRE

ADDRESS: Hvidovre Idraetsforening, Fodboldafdelingen (HIF), Sollentuna Alle 1-3, 2650 Hvidovre, Denmark.
PHONE: 78 17 72
TICKETS: Available from the stadium. Prices: adults — 30 d.kr; children — 15 d.kr.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: HIF'S Fodboldvenner, Sollentuna Alle 1-3, DK 2650 Hvidovre, Denmark.

IKAST

ADDRESS: Ikast Forenede Sportsklubber, non-amatorafdelingen A/S, Industrivej 21, 7430 Ikast, Denmark.
PHONE: 153100.
TELEX: 60104 TYTEX DK.
FAX: 07-15 62 94.
TICKETS: Available from Mr Niels Mosegaard at Ikast Stadion. Tel: 07-15 12 43. Prices — 35 d.kr.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None.
FAN CLUB: Ikast FS Udenbys "fans", Industrivej 21, 7430 Ikast, Denmark.

K.B.

ADDRESS: K.B. Copenhagen, Peter Bangsvej 147, DK-2000 Frederiksberg, Denmark.
PHONE: 71 41 50.
FAX: 01-23 17 55.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium. Prices: 40-50 d.kr (for matches played at "Idraetsparken", P.H. Lings Alle, CPH).
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None.
FAN CLUB: Enquiries should be addressed to the club.

EAST GERMANY

HANSA ROSTOCK

ADDRESS: FC Hansa Rostock, Ostseestadion, Rostock 2500, East Germany.
PHONE: 34204 or 34205.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium or Rostock Information. Prices: 1.60 M and 2.60 M.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: VEB Reiseburo Rostock, Hermann-Duncker-Platz 1, 3800 East Germany.
FAN CLUB: There are several fan clubs. Write to the club for further details.

STAHL BRANDENBURG

ADDRESS: BSG Stahl Brandenburg, Thuringer Strasse 250, Brandenburg 1800, East Germany.
PHONE: Brandenburg 55 30 83.
TELEX: 157622 SWB DD.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium or in advance from club. Prices: standing — 5 M; seating — 10 M.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

FINLAND

HJK

ADDRESS: HJK Helsinki FC, Stadion, 00250 Helsinki, Finland.
PHONE: 0448 693.
TICKETS: Stadium holds approximately 47,000. Tickets available from stadium. Prices 15-50 fim.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

KePS

ADDRESS: Kemin Palloseura R.Y., Pl.30, 94101 Kemi, Finland.
PHONE: 9698-15144.
TICKETS: Available from the club office. Prices: 30 fim (children 12-16 years 15 fim).
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS?: None
FAN CLUB: None

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DIRECTORY...

KUUSYSI LAHTI

ADDRESS: FC Kuusysi ry, Urheilukeskus, 15110 Lahti, Finland.
PHONE: 358-18-512505.
TELEX: 121587 eport SF.
FAX: 358-18-526031.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium or Sokos department store in Lahti.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

FRANCE

AUXERRE

ADDRESS: A.J. Auxerre Football, BP 349 89006, Auxerre Cedex Stade, Alle Deschaufs Route de Vaux, France.
PHONE: 86 52 24 71.
TELEX: 800948.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium. Prices from 20F to 30F standing to 50F/90F/120F for seating.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

CANNES

ADDRESS: Association Sportive de Cannes, Stade Pierre de Coubertin, Avenue Pierre de Coubertin, 06150 Cannes La Bocca, France.
PHONE: 93902420-93902433.
TELEX: 470749.
TICKETS: Available from Coubertin Stadium; Polais des Festivals and Congres Service Billeterie. Prices: 25F to 150F.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: Wagons lits Toussiame Cannes, 1 le Croisette. 06410 Cannes. Tel: 93685757.
FAN CLUB: Club des Supportes de l'AS Cannes, Stade Pierre de Coubertin, Avenue Pierre de Coubertin, 06150 Cannes La Bocca, France.

HAVRE

ADDRESS: Havre AC, 32 rue de la Cavee-Verte, BP 404, 76057 Le Havre Cedex, France.
PHONE: 35 44 01 22.
TELEX: HACFOOT 172300F.
TICKETS: Available by phoning the stadium or mail order. Tickets to be collected from Gate B of Deschaseaux Stadium. Prices depend on importance of the match — two main categories: seating — 70F (53F), 114F (61F), 124F (71F) or 159F (91F); standing — 23F (23F) or 56F (42).
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: Club Des Supporters du HAC, BP 404, 76057 Le Havre Cedex, France.

LAVAL

ADDRESS: Stade Lavallois, 51 rue Jeanne D'Arc, BP 21, 53 020 Laval Cedex, France.
PHONE: 43 53 97 05.
TICKETS: Available by writing to the club at least eight days in advance of the game. Prices: 24F to 115F.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: Socios du Stade Lavallois, 29 rue de Bretagne, BP 936, 53 031 Laval Cedex, France.

NANTES

ADDRESS: Football Club de Nantes, BP 150, 44005 Nantes Cedex 01, France.
PHONE: 40 29 15 59.
TELEX: 711850.
TICKETS: Phone or write to the club. Prices from 25F to 200F.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: Agence de Bouard, Place Delonue, 44000 Nantes. Tel: 04 48 13 00.
FAN CLUB: Allez Nantes Canaris, Rue Regnard, 44000 Nantes.

NICE

ADDRESS: OGC Nice, 181 Route de Grenoble, BP 15506 023 Nice, 06200 — Nice Cedex, France.
PHONE: 93 83 22 60.
TELEX: 460888
TICKETS: Available from Stade du Ray, Avenue du Ray, 06 Nice.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

TOULOUSE

ADDRESS: Toulouse Football Club, Stadium — Allee G. Bienes, 31400 Toulouse, France.
PHONE: 61 55 11 11.
TELEX: 530998.
TICKETS: Available by writing to the club with a cheque or from one of the club's agencies. Prices: F18,35,55,80,85,107,125.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: La Depeche du Midi, Avenue Jeanne Baylet, 31090 Toulouse Cedex. Tel: 61 41 11 49.
FAN CLUB: Supporters des Violets, Allee G. Bienes, 31400 Toulouse, France.

GREECE

AEK

ADDRESS: AEK FC SA Athens, 3rd Septemvriot St. 144, Athens 122.51, Greece
PHONE: 82 15 645 or 82 24 666.
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FAN CLUB: 1) Gate 21, Filis 247 Athens 11253; 2) Periserioy, Dervenakion, Peristeri 12136 Athens; 3) Ilioypoleos, Square Kanaria, Ilioypolis, Athens 16346.

ARIS

ADDRESS: Aris Football Club SA, Vas. Olgas 99, 546 43 Thessaaoniki, Hellas, Greece.
PHONE: (31) 842700 or 828767.
TELEX: 410660 ARIS GR
TICKETS: Easily available before the match outside Charilaou Stadium. Prices: from 300 dr to 1000 dr (all seated).
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: Travel and Tourist Enterprises "Oasis", 7 Aristotelous Square, 546 24 Thessaloniki, Hellas, Greece. Tel: (31) 279061 or 279291. Telex: 418247.
FAN CLUB: SF Areos Charilou, Alex Papanastasioy 176, 542 49 Thessaloniki, Hellas, Greece.
PHONE: (31) 308200.

IRAKLIS

ADDRESS: Iraklis FC, Payloy Mela 33, 54622, Thessaloniki, Greece.
PHONE: 275-089 or 279-856.
TELEX: 410530
TICKETS: Available from the stadium. Prices: 1000 dr.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: M.E.O.H, Agiou Dimitriou, 153 Thessaloniki. Tel: 031/ 213-725.

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AZ ALKMAAR

ADDRESS: AZ Alkmaar, Postbus 104, 1800 AC Alkmaar, Holland.
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TICKETS: Available by writing or phoning the club. Prices: f14-15 (seating) or f8 (standing).
TRAVEL/ TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

FORTUNA

ADDRESS: Fortuna Sittard, Postbus 36, 6130 AA Sittard, Holland.
PHONE: 13947 or 18777.
TICKETS: Available from the cash desk at the stadium. Prices: children 5-8 guilden; adults 8.50-25 guilden.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

GRONINGEN

ADDRESS: FC Groningen, Postbus 1399, 9701 Bf Groningen, Holland.
PHONE: 180814/141879.
TICKETS: Order by mail or phone. Prices: seating — fL17.50/20/22.50/ 25/30. Standing — fL7.50/9.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: Supportersvereinigung FC Groningen, p/a Borgweg 60, 9914 PH Zeerijs, Holland.

PSV EINDHOVEN

ADDRESS: PSV Eindhoven, Frederiklaan 10A, 5616 NH Eindhoven, Holland.
PHONE: 511917 or 757280 or 520109 or 734805.
TELEX: 35000 NL UTFDA
FAX: 040-755194
TICKETS: Available by letter, phone, fax or telex. Prices: Hfl:25,21,18.50,15,11.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

RODA

ADDRESS: Roda FC, Postbus 1156, 6460 BD Kerkrade, Holland.
PHONE: 411053.
TICKETS: Ring the stadium on 411053 or 414685. Prices: standing — 7/11, seating — 15/17.50/20.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

SPARTA ROTTERDAM

ADDRESS: Sparta Rotterdam, Spartastraat 7, 3027 ER Rotterdam, Holland.
PHONE: 415 1087.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium. Prices: Hfl 7.50, 10, 12.50, 15.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: Mr L.W.Cassa, Meikeverstraat 7, 3061 VH Rotterdam, Holland.

TWENTE

ADDRESS: FC Twente '65, JJ van Deinselaan 30, 7541 PE Enschede, Holland.
PHONE: 310080.
TICKETS: Available by phoning the stadium before the game. Prices: f22,20,17,16. Standing — f11, 8. Children under-16 — f5.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: Sig Magazyn Schepers. Tel: 053 — 318962.
FAN CLUB: Vriendenkring FC Twente '65, JJ van Deinselaan 30-7541, PE Enschede.

UTRECHT

ADDRESS: Stichting FC Utrecht, Herculesplein 331, 3584 AA Utrecht, Holland.
PHONE: 512521.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium on the day or in advance. Prices: from f10 to f30.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

VOLENDAM

ADDRESS: FC Volendam, Postbus 82 (Sportlaan), 1130 AB Volendam, Holland.
PHONE: 02993-63303.
TICKETS: Available from stadium office daily Prices: f1.00, 3.50, 8.00, 10.00, 12.50, 15.00, 17.50 and 20,00.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: Some shops in the local village and in the country, eg, Harmen's Platencorner De Stient, Volendam. Tel: 02993-66554.
FAN CLUB: Supportersvereiniging, B. Demmerstraat 24, 1131 EE Volendam. Tel: 02993-64580.

VVV VENLO

ADDRESS: VVV Venlo, Kaldenkeskerweg 182, Venlo, Post Box 947, Holland.
PHONE: 15806.
TICKETS: Available by phoning the stadium. Prices: f30, 17.50, 12.50, 8.50, 6.50.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: Sigars Magazin, J. Klaassen parade 67 in Venlo. Tel: 15307.
FAN CLUB: Supportersvereiniging VVV, Post Box 947, Venlo, Holland.

WILLEM II

ADDRESS: Willem II, Goirleseweg 34, 5026 PC Tilburg, Holland.
PHONE: 424381.
TICKETS: Available by mail order together with Eurocheck. Prices: f 9,15,17,20.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: Supportersclub Willem II, Molenbochstraat 14, 5014 EP Tilburg, Holland. Tel: 013-362520.

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HUNGARY

BEKESCSABAI

ADDRESS: Bekescsabai Elore-Spartacus SC. Bekescsaba, 5600 Becescsaba, Korhaz u.6, Hungary.
PHONE: 66/21-577 or 66/21-229.
TELEX: 83537.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium. Prices: 21, 42 or 60 forints.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: None

DEBRECEN

ADDRESS: Debreceni Munkas Vasutas Sport Club, 4032 Debrecen, Olah Gabor u.5, Hungary.
PHONE: 36-52-17655.
TICKETS: Available from Penztarunkban, Olah Gabor u.5. Prices: 16, 32. 70, 100 forints.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: Diakutazas Iroda, Debrecen, Uoroshadseres 77. Tel: 36-52-18332.
FAN CLUB: None

FERENCVAROS

ADDRESS: Ferencvarosi Torna Club, 1091 Budapest IX, Ulloi ut 129, Hungary.
PHONE: 136-025.
TICKETS: Available from the cash desks at the stadium. Prices: 80 forints.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES
HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: FTC Barati Kor, 1091 Budapest, Ulloi ut 129, Hungary

HALADAS

ADDRESS: Haladas VSE, 9700.

DIRECTORY...

Szombathely, Rohonci u.3 Hungary.
PHONE: 14-966, 11-494.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: Haladas VSE, 9700. Szombathely, Rohonci u.3 Hungary.

HONVED

ADDRESS: Budapesti Honved Sportegyesulet, Bozsik Jozsef Stadion, 1194 Budapest, Ujtemeto u. 1-3, Hungary.
PHONE: 473-958.
TELEX: 22-5510 BHSE H.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium. Prices from 200 forints to 300 and 500.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: 1) Ibusz V., Felszabadulas ter 5. Tel: 186-866. Telex: 49-76 . 2) Malev Air Tours V., Roosevelt ter 2. Tel: 172-911. Telex: 67- 37.
FAN CLUB: Honved Barati Kor Egyesulet, 1191 Budapest Marx u. 50.

MTK-VM

ADDRESS: MTK-VM SK. Club: 1145 Budapest, Szanto Bela u 5/a. Stadium: 1087 Budapest, Salgotajani u. 12-14.
PHONE: Club: 216-940; Stadium: 338-368.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium or via the Fan Club. Prices: 30-60 forints.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: IBUSZ travel agency, 1066 Budapest, November 7. ter-3. Tel: 412-028.
FAN CLUB: 1073 Budapest, Lenin krt. 24.

VASAS

ADDRESS: Vasas Sport Club, 1139 Budapest Fay u. 58, Hungary.
PHONE: 294-074 or 294-075.
TICKETS: Available by writing to the club at the above address. Prices: 20-60 forints.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None.
FAN CLUB: Write to the club or telephone 208-697.

VIDEOTON

ADDRESS: Videoton Sport Club, Szekesfehervar, Berenyi ut 8001, Hungary.
PHONE: 12730.
TELEX: 21250.
TICKETS: Available from the stadium. Prices: 21-42 forints.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None
FAN CLUB: Videoton Barati Kor Egyesulet, Szekesfehervar, Berenyi ut. Tel: 0036-22-12730.

ICELAND

AKRANES

ADDRESS: Akranes Football Club, Akranes Stadium, Box 30, 300 Akranes, Iceland.
PHONE: (9) 3-13311
TELEX: 2175 AKRAS IS
FAX: (9) 3-12086
TICKETS: Available from stadium before matches. Prices: Adults £5.50, under 14s £3.00.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: All Icelandic travel/tourist agencies can obtain tickets from the football club.
FAN CLUB: None

ITALY

AVELLINO

ADDRESS: U.S. Avellino S.p.A., Galleria di via Mancini No.2, Italy.
PHONE: 32235/32236
TELEX: 721350 SLF
TICKETS: Available from the club. Prices depend on seating.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: None.
FAN CLUB: None

COMO

ADDRESS: Calcio Como SPA, v. Le Sinigaglia 1, 22100 Como, Italy.
PHONE: 551024 or 559696 or 559960
TICKETS: Available from the club offices, Fan Clubs and travel agencies. Prices: seating — 70,000 to 80,000 lire; wings — 28,000 to 35,000; behind goals — 9,000 to 15,000.
TRAVEL/TOURIST AGENCIES HANDLING TICKETS: Agenzia Viaggi Baradello P.ZZA Cavour, Agenzia Mentasti, via Recchi. Tel: 270255 or 270202.
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IT is often said — and widely believed — in these parts that while American senior players are not up to world standards, American youngsters are a match for anyone, anywhere.

Certainly, there is evidence to support such a claim. There are countless cases of American club and select teams that have travelled overseas and done well against European or South American opposition. And there are numerous instances of foreign coaches extravagantly praising American youth teams. Not just *any* coaches, but top men like Argentina's Carlos Pachame and West Germany's Berti Vogts.

Yet there is always the nagging suspicion that these results, this praise, is not quite what it seem. . . that the opponents may not take the games and tournaments quite as seriously as the Americans, that the welcome praise may contain too high a proportion of diplomatic soft soap.

After all, if young American are as good as they are made out to be, how is it that they don't win, or even get to the semi-finals, of the U-20 or — more particularly — the U-16 World Cups?

There have been two U-16 World Cups to date — in China in 1985, and in Canada last year. The USA had a team in both of them, but in neither could it advance beyond the first round. Scotland-89 is just around the corner, and the American boys have just done what everyone was quite sure they would: ensured their participation in the Scottish tournament by finishing second in the regional (CONCACAF) championship.

But the manner of the US qualification is worth studying, for it reveals some of the difficulties that soccer faces in the USA, and may explain some of the failings at the highest level.

We are dealing here with under-16-year-old boys. In other words, boys who are at high school. Yet the CONCACAF tournament was not played in the the summer, when the boys would be on vacation. It was played in November — a month when all of them would be in school, and when most of them would be in the middle of their high-school soccer seasons. Even if the school authorities could be prevailed upon to allow the boys to take off three weeks for the tournament, would the school soccer coaches be happy about it?

Getting together a national team is never easy in the USA — the distances to be travelled are vast. This is not Holland, where everyone can come in by bicycle if they choose — this is, instead, a matter of thousands of miles and often complicated airline connections. It goes without saying that it is also an expensive business.

For the tournament in November, the US plan was to get the boys together in late October and to take the group on a short trip to Trinidad, to familiarise them with the site. It didn't happen because strict high school rules in certain states would not allow boys to take that much time off during term. So the U-16 national team did not go to Trinidad, it set up a weekend training camp in Maryland instead.

When coach Roy Rees took his team to Trinidad for the real thing in early November, the co-operation of all the involved high schools had been obtained — though not always with unbridled enthusiasm. After all, what high school could be happy about seeing its students taken away from studies for a three week period? To help assuage these worries, the United States Soccer Federation engaged the services of three tutors to travel with the team. The 18 boys on the squad were required to bring along their schoolbooks — and each day received at least 90 minutes of tutoring, plus up to two hours of homework.

With the academics taken care of, Rees' boys could set about playing soccer. Which they did, in a most convincing way. In their first three games they beat Guatemala 6-1, Honduras 7-0, and St Lucia 6-0.

No United States team, at any level, had ever got off to a better start in any official tournament. After all, Guatemala and Honduras are two of the stronger soccer nations in the CONCACAF region.

To be sure, there was gossip that the "Mexican scandal" was having its effect. Translated, it meant that — having seen Mexico mercilessly banned from international competition for using over-age players in a CONCACAF tournament — certain countries were now sticking very carefully to the prescribed age requirements. Something — it was implied — that they had not always done in the past. And so some traditional powers did not look as strong as usual.

Whatever may be the truth in that, the overwhelming margin of the USA's victories left little doubt that the Americans were one of the best — if not *the* best — of the teams in the tournament.

Then — suddenly, dramatically, inexplicably — the USA fell apart. Against Trinidad & Tobago, the goal-machine completely dried up and the USA lost 0-1. Not only that, but they looked like a team that was tired and spiritless. How could that be for a team that just two days earlier was on top of the world?

Well, the game against T&T could be called meaningless — the last game of the first round, with both teams having already qualified for the final round. But worse — much worse — was to come. In the first game of the second round, the USA went down 1-2 to Canada, a team that US coach Rees had already called "the weakest in the group." Said Rees of his US team: "If I look at them, they're *dead* . . . there's something desperately wrong in them. They're washed out."

One possible reason was a bug that had been going round the US team, a 24-hour, weakening, infection. But could that explain everthing?

Rees obviously didn't think so. He conducted a series of one-on-one talks with all his players, for what he later described as "the most fascinating two or three days in my coaching career."

What Rees discovered during those talks was a particularly virulent form of an Old American problem: simply that young Americans (and, indeed, the older ones as well) do not travel well. Rees found players who were deeply homesick, who told him that their "head wasn't into it", who seemed more interesting in getting home as quickly as possible than in winning games.

This is probably a unique American problem. Virtually all of the current crop of American players are from middle-class backgrounds. Their families are well-off — downright rich by the standards of many of the countries that the US has to play in the CONCACAF region. When the boys leave home, it invariably means a drop in living standards. They do not, on the whole, adjust well. They miss their favourite foods, television programs, their families and their friends. Their game, inevitably, deteriorates.

The US team managers in Trinidad did what they could. The team — which had been staying in a small and rather claustrophobic guest-house — was moved to the Hilton, where the atmoshpere and the food were much more American.

Before the vital game against Cuba, Rees conducted a hard-drivin draining practice session — "to find out those who want to play and thos who don't."

Team changes were made, and the US did what was necessary, scoring in the first minute, and holding on t the lead — indeed, they could have added to it — to beat Cuba.

It meant that a draw in their final game against Trinidad would be enough to ensure the USA a place in the World Cup. But a loss would eliminate them. The result was in doubt right up to the last minute — indeed, beyond the last minute, for it was two minutes into injury time that the USA got the goal that settled matters. Until that moment, a hectic 10-minute period of late Trinidad pressure had threatened to produce the goal that would put an end to the US hopes.

Rees admits that the form of his team at the end of the competition will not be good enough to produce results in Scotland: "I don't think thi is good enough — we've got to play ir a committed way, as we did against Cuba, but we've got to have a bit more composure on the ball."

So it was Cuba that won the gold medal, the first time that nation has won a CONCACAF championship in soccer. After the final game, the Cuban players — a happy, lively bunch — were proudly displaying their medals to everyone in sight in the parking lot as they waited for the bus to take them back to their guest-houses. A guest house that was even smaller than the one the Americans had been unable to live in.

The point underlined the differences in background and personality between the young Cubans and the young Americans, who had not been comfortable at Alicia's Guest House. The American were leaving on an 8.30 flight the following morning. The Cubans were staying on "for two or three days. we'll go to the beach — we like it here" said their trainer Raimundo Diaz.

For Roy Rees there is now the difficult choice: whether to change his squad or not. If he drops those boys — however good they may be in soccer terms — who can't handle the travelling, then what of the replacements? What guarantee is there that they might not be upset by foreign climes? So the thought persists that it might be better to stick with the current squad — which, at least, now has the experience of one taxing overseas trip under its belt.

Not that the USA was the only team having problems. But

CONCAF UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Port of Spain, Trinidad. November 12-27, 1988

First Round Group A — USA 6 Guatamala 1; Trinidad & Tobago 5 St Lucia 0; USA 7 Honduras 0; Guatamala 1 St Lucia 0; St Lucia 1 Honduras 4; Trinidad & Tobago 1 Guatamala 0; USA 6 St Lucia 0; Trinidad & Tobago 1 Honduras 0; Trinidad & Tobago 1 USA 0; Honduras 1 Guatemala 0.

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*Trindad & Tobago	4	4	0	0	8	–0	8
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Honduras	4	2	0	2	5	–9	4
Guatamala	4	1	0	3	2	–8	2
St Lucia	4	0	4	1	–16	0	

Group B — Canada 3 El Salvador 1; Cuba 2 Costa Rica 0; Canada 2 Costa Rica 1; Cuba 0 Jamaica 0; Costa Rica 2 El Salvador 0; Canada 0 Cuba 0; Jamaica 0 El Salvador 0; Cuba 1 El Salvador 0; Jamaica 1 Costa Rica 0.

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*Qualified for Final Round

Final Round — Canada 2 USA 1; Cuba 1 Trinidad & Tobago 0; USA 1 Cuba 0; Canada 0 Cuba 4; USA 1 Trinidad & Tobago 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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*USA	3	2	0	1	3	–2	4
*Canada	3	1	1	1	2	–5	3
Trinidad & Tobago	3	0	1	2	0	–2	1

*Qualified for FIFA Under-16 World Tournament for the JVC Cup, to be played in Scotland June 10-14, 1989.

USA Today, the only national newspaper printed in the United States, recently ran the results of a reader poll that asked how excited Americans were about the US being awarded the 1994 World Cup.

Sixty-nine per cent said they were "a little" or "not all all" excited and eleven per cent asked what sport the paper was talking about.

That adds up to 80 per cent with little or no interest. Still, the other 20 per cent said they were a "whole lot excited."

If this poll is accurate, then FIFA and the USSF would seem to face a massive selling job if they are counting on Americans filling the stadiums in 1994.

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Trinidad's came exclusively on the field. At the start of the championship, expectations were high. The Trinidad senior team had just pulled off a major upset in eliminating Honduras from the world cup, and had moved into the final group of five CONCACAF teams (Trinidad, USA, Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica) from which two will qualify for Italy in 1990. The enthusiasm spread to the under-16 team, which was well supported by 20,000 plus crowds as it won all four of its first round games. Yet in the second round, Trinidad failed to score a goal and finished bottom of the four-team group.

Despite the large crowds, the Trinidad FA lost money on the tournament. Low admission prices (from $2.30 to $3.50 for adults) were part of the region. But Jack Warner, secretary of the T&T Football Association (and a member of FIFA's Executive Committee) has more to say on the matter: "CONCACAF is the only Confederation where the host country has to pay a fee — it's $1,000 to CONCACAF, a fee that gives you the right to lose more money organising the tournament! We have to make these events less costly. There's no reason why Trinidad, in this tournament, should have to pay expenses — at $100 a day — for a battery of CONCACAF people, fourteen officials. That's $26,000 that CONCACAF should pay, not the host country.

"Anyway, it's impossible to make money with youth football, so what are we doing paying our referees $100 a day?

"In Africa and Asia they pay $50, that's what we should be doing. We have to cut back the *per diems* and the extra bodies. This U-16 tournament cost Trinidad $190,000 — of which $80,000 was for officials and administrators. For a start, we can cut that amount down to around $28,000."

KEITH WALKER was one of England's FIFA referees in the 1970s. Now he is secretary to the United States federation — with decided views on criticisms of the 1994 World Cup . . .

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THE problems of World Cup soccer in the States cannot be solved simply by looking at the last Olympiad.

No matter how popular the sport may be with the younger set, the fact remains that there is no professional league to speak of (the rock-em, sock-em Major Indoor Soccer League notwithstanding) and the television ratings for the last World Cup were downright miserable for the US networks who covered it.

Internationals played in the States rarely draw 10,000 fans. Will the fact that the World Cup would be held in America's backyard change all that?

Let us not forget to mention the woeful performances of the US in international competition. They haven't even qualified for the last eight World Cups, clinging to that 1-0 shock over England back in the 1950 tournament in Brazil as its last moment of true soccer glory.

Since then, such notable international powerhouses as Haiti and Costa Rica have eliminated the US from competition. Those who considered Morocco's application to be weak because of its prior international record obviously don't

Most children are interested in soccer from a participatory standpoint and nothing else. Parents watch them play because it's their child out there and not because they love the game.

They spend their leisure dollar on pro-baseball or American Football, not soccer.

Granted, a lot can happen between now and 1994. There could be a professional soccer league flourishing in the States with American stars who are household names.

The US national team could be holding its own with the Brazils and Argentinas of the soccer world, playing at home to crowds of 60,000 or 70,000.

But don't bet the 1994 World Cup on it.

David Wangerin,
Harborne,
Birmingham.

I WRITE to express my opinion on the 1988 European Championships.

The Finals did not produce matches of high drama. There was

I WOULD advise your correspondent that the 12 stadia chosen will all be seated, something we enjoy in this country, with the appropriate top class facilcities to compliment the staging of the FIFA World Cup in 1994.

I was present in Zurich at the United States presentation to FIFA when our World Cup bid was considered and — being an insider — I know the strengths and weaknesses of the bids presented by our opponents at the time, namely Brazil and Morocco.

I can assure your readers that the FIFA Executive Committee very thoroughly and carefully reviewed the respective bids before their decision was made.

The inference made by Mr. Wangerin is utter balderdash. For his information the, the U.S Soccer Federation is conscious that a lot of very hard work and effort will be required to stage a successful FIFA World Cup Finals in this country.

But, contrary to the opinion given, there are many people who will participate in the sport under this Federation's jurisdiction at various levels.

Even our armed services has 600,000 participants playing the game and that is just as an aside. Great emphasis is now being given to our youth programme in the inner cities and, of course, much effort is being given to our International Development Program.

At our U-16 level, our recent playing results in Scotland serve as a yard stick by which our progress can be measured.

The U-16 Morton F.C. 2-1 and Rangers 2-1; we tied Celtic 1-1; the U.S. beat the Youth World Championship in Saudi Arabia and our Olympic results were to win the gold medal.

We are in a group of five nations to qualify through CONCACAF for the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy and our programme is so structured to ensure this occurs.

Yes, perhaps I am beating the drum a little but, I dislike uninformed criticism of our affairs by individuals who cannot see the forest for the trees.

As an ex-Brit I am disappointed that your contributor has nothing positive to say about the United States and for the sake the game that is a great shame.

KEITH E. WALKER
SECRETARY TO THE USSF

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

SPARTA ON TOP

BOTH Sparta and Banik took five points from the last three games of Czechoslovakia's autumn round before the championship went in to hibernation.

The champions have dropped only five points and suffered one loss in the league and look unlikely to be overtaken when the campaign resumes in three months time.

The painful home defeat in the European Cup by Steaua has left a shadow over the Letna and the question still has to be answered as to when the country's top club will be able to compete with the best in Europe.

Banik, who have rather been in the shade of their fellow Moravians Vitkovice, in recent years, established themselves firmly in second place by dint of taking a point from Sparta and will be looking for a UEFA placing in the spring. So will Slavia who have made up ground lost earlier in the season at the same time as Kubik and Knofliček departed.

Belgium or Spain are their possible whereabouts but a solution to the problems thrown up by their defection appears still not to be in sight either in the English North Midlands or the sunnier climes of Iberia.

Lower in the table Dukla will have been heartened by their win in Bratislava. As predicted, newly promoted Slovan are finding the going touch after a few seasons in the doldrums of division two, the Slovak national league, while across town Inter can do little right following the disasters against Sredets and will be pleased to escape the relegation zone if they can next spring.

There is, however, also plenty of time for Spartak Hradec Králové as few points separate the bottom clubs from those on the fringe of a UEFA place. They include DAC Dunajska Streda, as expected, comfortably seen off by Bayern both in Munich and at the Corn Ilsnad Stadium. Nonetheless it has been a great experience for the tiny Slovak club on the Hungarian border to compete two seasons running in Europe and have a tilt at the famous Germans and, last year, Young Boys Berne.

On the international front the goalless draw with Guy Thys's Belgians in Bratislava has to be seen as a setback. Although Dr Vengloš's flock still have to be penetrated at the back and the weakened Belgian squad were rarely a threat, it is winning the home games that counts. He was philosophical after the tie watched by 48,000 at the Telehne pole in Bratislava but admitted his forwards had the chances to win the match.

Now the return in Brussels on April 30 assumes greater importance and both managers will be awaiting the outcome of Portugal's three consecutive home games, particularly the veteran Belgian, soon due to retire, when he takes his squad south for the first of these spring encounters. Two places are at stake and the betting must be on those who take the points at home and then scramble successfully away.

BOB VAUGHAN

EAST GERMAN CLUBS IN EUROPE (1957-88)

CLUB	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	Points
Carl Zeiss Jena	83	38	16	29	132	109	92
Dynamo Dresden	80	34	20	26	126	102	88
Magdeburg	68	31	14	23	114	84	76
Lok Leipzig	73	29	15	29	99	88	73
BFC Dynamo	54	20	16	18	79	72	56
Vorw. Frankfurt (O.)	42	16	3	23	54	63	35
Wismut Aue	22	6	6	10	30	31	18
Sachsenring Zwickau	12	4	3	5	6	10	11
FC Hansa Rostock	8	4	—	4	13	12	8
Chemie Leipzig	6	2	1	3	9	10	5
Stahl Brandenburg	4	1	2	1	3	4	4
HFC Chemie	3	—	2	1	3	5	2
FC Karl-Marx-Stadt	2	—	—	2	2	5	0
TOTALS — FOR 13 CLUBS	457	185	98	174	670	595	468

DYNAMO DRESDEN 1988/89

NAME	Date of Birth	Caps/ 'A' Goals	League 'U 21' Goals	Matches/ Goals	Height	Weight
Ronny Teuber	1.9.1965	—	—	60/–	1.81	81
Jens Ramme	2.8.1963	—	—	11/–	1.81	86
Frank Schulze	21.3.1970	—	—	–/–	1,87	76
Andreas Trautmann	12.5.1959	9/–	18/3	231/44	1.84	80
Steffen Bütner	2.11.1963	—	—	48/–	1.82	71
Matthias Döschner	12.1.1958	30/2	8/2	207/29	1.80	73
Frank Lieberam	17.2.1965	—	9	83/8	1.80	77
Andreas Diebitz	11.1.1965	—	—	37/–	1.71	61
Thomas Ritter	10.10.1967	—	—	5/–	1.83	75
Matthias Mauksch	11.6.1969	—	—	8/–	1.81	72
Karsetn Neitzel	17.12.1967	—	—	9/–	1.74	65
Steffen Gerstenberger	27.8.1966	—	—	18/–	1.77	64
Hans-Uwe Pilz	10.11.1958	33/–	14/4	227/42	1.75	68
Jörg Stübner	23.7.1965	31/1	—	122/8	1.73	65
Ralf Hauptmann	20.9.1968	—	—	13/1	1.81	74
Matthias Sammer	5.9.1967	4/–	3/–	57/23	1.82	73
Ralf Minge	8.10.1960	35/7	13/2	177/95	1.86	83
Ulf Kirsten	4.12.1965	29/6	—	105/33	1.74	74
Torsten Gütschow	28.7.1962	2/2	3/2	131/49	1.77	67
Uwe Jähnig	26.8.1969	—	—	17/5	1.81	70
Rocco Milde	8.6.1969	—	—	1/–	1.83	75

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WHEN thoughts turn to German football it is usually to Sepp Herberger, Fritz Walter, Uwe Seeler and Franz Beckenbauer not to Walter Fritzsch, Hans Kreische, 'Dixie' Doerner and Ulf Kirsten just as visiting Cologne is more likely than journeying to Saxony.

Just as the Kölner Dom is worth the visit alone so is the Zwinger in Dresden and its many other treasures too. As well as being a city of culture and opera, history and the development since 1949, there is a tradition of football and support for the game going back way beyond the 1952-53 season when the 'Yellow & Blacks' won the championship of the 'Oberliga' for the first time.

Nowhere else in the Republic is there such a following for 'Konig Fussball' and in the 1980s as in the 1950s the Saxon club attract the biggest gates wherever they go.

In the current season the Dynamo-Stadion has been sold out on three occasions, for the UEFA Cup matches with Aberdeen, KSV

DYNAMO DRESDEN: Back row: Kirsten, Guetschow, Lieberam, Milde, Trautmann, Sammer. Middle: Geyer (Team manager), Ritter, Gersterberger, Teuber, Ramme, Neitzel, Hauptmann and Haefner (assistant manager). Front: Stuebner, Diebitz, Buettner, Doeschner, Mauksch.

AUSTRIA

NEITHER record champions Rapid Vienna nor their 'eternal' foes FK Austria have been making the headlines in Austria.

Instead it is FC Tirol and Admira/Wacker who are stealing the spotlight.

At the conclusion of the first championship period Tirol and Admira were occupying first and second place going into the winter break.

At last Tirol are beginning to play just like their venerable "Trainer" (manager) Ernst Happel wants. The ball is played first time and most attacking moves conducted at speed which appeals to the experts and fans alike.

The only black mark was the behaviour of their former West German international midfielder Hansi Muller, who was recently sent off for the eighth time in his career (five times in Austria, twice in Italy and once in West Germany), in Tirol's fine 3-1 win over Rapid.

The surprise team of the season are Admira/Wacker whose stars are the Germans Fred Schaub (ex-Freiburg) and We Muller (ex- Frankfurt).

Both helped the South Viennese to their first home win over champions Rapid for 11 years!

These Germans are the key men in the "cheap" Admira team and both are regarded as model professionals in their attitude and application in training.

FK Austria lost their team manager Gustl Starek, who after just five months in office resigned following disagreement with the board of directors.

It is said that the final straw was the engagement of the Uruguayan international Enriquez Raoul Baez.

The 26-year-old, deep lying centre forward, hit 32 league goals last season for Montevideo Wanderers.

But Starek claims he was not consulted over the South American's arrival and he walked out on the club.

His position has been taken over temporarily by Austria's former international defender Robert Sara.

The eight qualifiers for the championship pool will no longer take the points total from the initial phase with them, but the points total halved.

Last season Rapid were so far ahead, that the so called championship play-off was reduced to a farce.

NAMO SHINE

EAST GERMANY by BOB VAUGHAN

Waregem and Roma and for the league match with champions BFC, the 'other' Dynamo.

Only twice have the Dresdeners lost in 1988-89, once, and surprisingly at home, to FC Karl-Marx-Stadt, in the championship, the only points dropped, and once, in Belgium to a rampant Waregem, in the second leg of the second round of the UEFA Cup, the sole time in the autumn Eduard Geyer's team wobbled.

Then fortune favoured the brave, a goalkeeping nonsense put Dynamo in possession and after a penalty had been awarded and converted for a priceless away goal, calm returned to the ranks and the hurdle to round three was cleared.

What makes the current East German league leaders hum? Eduard Geyer is probably the answer. The successor to another former international and manager, Klaus Sammer, the thorough Geyer picks off the opposition by regular spying which would seem appropriate for someone with a name meaning 'vulture'.

His several visits to Northern Scotland, Flanders and Rome have paid dividends and in each of their six European ties to date this season his players have looked well prepared and briefed.

Not many sides draw at Pittodrie and win in the Olympic Stadium. While he has been on his missions assistant Reinhard Hafner has put the squad through its paces. He gave up playing last season after a very successful career with Dynamo and the national team and is supported by other members of the Dynamo family, such as 'Dixie' Dorner, one of two stars of the 1970s and early 1980s to reach 100 caps for the GDR. (The other is the current Magdeburg manager, Joachim Streich, who reached the 'ton' at Wembley in the fourth England versus GDR encounter).

Geyer and Hafner are carrying on in the tradition of Sammer, whose son is a regular member of the team, and Walter Fritzsch who put the club on the map twenty years ago.

Six time champions Dresden must be the tip for 1988-89. It is rare that the winter leaders blow out and the Saxons will be as anxious to go further in the spring in the UEFA Cup as to breaking the BFC sequence of ten consecutive championships since Dresden's last league triumph in 1977-78, their sixth title. Six Trade Unions Cups have also been taken back to 'Florence on the Elbe', including three in the 1980s while in the three European competitions Dynamo has the best record having overtaken Carl Zeiss Jena as a result of beating Roma home and away, though having played one match less.

The Jena club had a six year start over Dynamo but in recent seasons Dynamo has overhauled the other five Carl Zeiss, Magdeburg, BFC, Lok and Vorwaerts, who have usually represented the country. Otherwise only the first ever GDR team in Europe, Wismut, has played over 20 matches and perhaps this year Dynamo Dresden can go all the way and become the fourth side, after Magdeburg, Jena and Lok to reach a European Final which would be the first to be played on GDR soil.

If it is to be so, Eduard Geyer will be depending on Kirsten and Guetschow for the goals. Dresden has always been a football side and now that stiffening has been added in defence and Teuber come on as a man for the big occasion perhaps it is the season for those who flock to the Dynamo-Stadion near the Main Station. It has been extended to hold thirty six thousand in recent years and the support is way above that for any other 'Oberliga' club.

Even on their best days BFC struggle to reach five figures and only Maradona in recent time has attracted in the provinces anything like a gate to compare with a big night in Dresden. All Saxony will be hoping for three such nights this spring and who is to say it would not be the deserved fruits of the many years work put in by members of the Dresden Dynamo family.

While Dresden ran like clockwork a generally up and-down autumn elsewhere ended with the mid December Trade Union Cup quarter finals and two rounds of the Liga, the regional Second Division.

The former competition arouses little public interest until the semi finals three months later and the early summer final, so momentum is lost and the 'Pokal' serves largely as an entry route to Europe.

This season in the 'Liga' Dynamo Fuerstenwalde and Fortschritt Bischofswerda are respectively making the running in Group A, the North Section, and Group B, the South. Fuerstendwalde, a feeder team for BFC Dynamo, lead Post Neubrandenburg on goal difference.

Crisis

Former European Cup participants, FC Vorwarts Frankfurt, stand fourth and will be seeking to push past lesser known clubs in an attempt to regain the top status lost on the last day of 1987-88, somewhat controversially. Fortschritt will also be hoping for a return to the 'Oberliga' after a season's absence. Unable to make much impression are former G D R champions, Chemie Leipzig, who occupy a modest mid table place.

A sense of impending crisis has also struck the national team after the 3-1 World Cup defeat in Turkey. A defeat is one thing but the way the G D R's top players gave up the ghost and let the Turks take the points was worrying, especially as there was no lack of experience in Bernd Stange's squad and there was everything to play for.

The consequence was the dismissal of Stange and his replacement by Manfred Zapf.

BAYERN LEAD

WEST GERMANY by ARTHUR ROTMIL

BAYERN MUNICH, the only unbeaten side after 17 matches, became the so-called "autumn champions" when the West German Bundesliga broke off for the long winter break.

It will last from December 3 until February; the championship will then continue until June 17.

Bayern established a three-point lead over the title holders Werder Bremen whose late burst (they were 11th at the beginning of November), brought them within striking distance of the record champions, while Koln were third.

The Bavarians' impressive march at the top is due in no small measure to the vast improvement in form by the newcomers, the international midfielder Olaf Thon and the Swedish international striker Johnny Ekstrom.

But the latter is still not certain of a regular first team place. "The competition is enormous," sighs the ambitious Scandinavian.

In fact, Bayern are enjoying the luxury of letting such highly rated strikers as Roland Wohlfarth, Jurgen Wegmann, Ludwig Kogl, Ekstrom and the talented Matthias Hammann, just 20 and still on amateur forms, to fight it out for the two places up front.

Bayern figured in one of the best games in the league's recent history.

Their 3-3 draw against VfB Stuttgart, witnessed by 63,000 in Munich's Olympic stadium, was a marvellous advertisement for West German football.

A quarter of an hour from the end Bayern were 1-3 down, but goals by Wegmann and Ekstrom squared the match.

What most German fans, and some experts, think of Bayern was summarised rather enviously by Hamburg's midfielder Thomas von Heesen."

"They dominate simply because they have more money than anybody else. And where the money is, you can always find success."

But the captain of Bayer Leverkusen and international Wolfgand Rolff explains it differently: "Their newly signed Thon, Reuter, Grahammer and Ekstrom became quickly integrated and now the team is well balanced; it can win matches even when playing badly."

Bremen were accused of not having engaged any noteworthy new players for this season, but as team manager Otto Rehhagel points out: "We are quite happy with the squad which won the championship last term.

"It is not a good policy to create discord in the dressing room by hiring new players who may not be better than those who served us so well lately."

Yet, Bremen are being linked with the Swedish defender Jan Eriksson from AIK Stockholm. He has already trained for several weeks with Werder, though general manager Willi Lemke insists he will not decide on an engagement until the winter break is over.

Two former Bundesliga foreign "legionaires" have joined English First Division clubs.

The Norwegian international goalkeeper Erik Thorstvedt, 26, who was a big disappointment at Borussia Monchengladbach, where between 1985 and 1988 he only played 12 Bundesliga games, before being released to join IFK Gothenburg, signed for Tottenham.

And the Polish midfielder, Zbigniew Kruszynski, 29, came from Lech Gdansk, played for Hamburger SV, Concordia, 1.FC Saarbrucken and FC Homburg and was signed by Wimbledon.

Koln, who finished four points behind the leaders at the half-way stage, have signed the international midfielder-cum-striker Uwe Rahn from Borussia Monchengladbach.

The blond, classy player who in 1987 was the Bundesliga's top scorer (24 goals) and "Footballer of the Year", moved for a reported fee of £700,000, plus takings from a match between his old and new club.

The 26-year-old Rahn rejected recently an offer from Atletico Madrid.

But because they already have three foreigners they wanted to loan out the German for six months to Murcia.

Borussia tried to keep him with an improved contract, but the player decided to go to Koln.

NEILL LINKED WITH PORTUGAL

TERRY NEILL, a former Arsenal manager, is the latest British name apparently lined up for a spell in Portugal.

A number of clubs have been linked with the one-time Northern Ireland manager who has been out of a direct association within the game since leaving Highbury.

But there will doubtless be several clubs shortly looking for a new boss as the new year brings with it only the prospect of a battle against relegation.

That battle is a particularly ferocious one this season since five clubs will go down.

If the trap door fell open right now that would spell a step into the second division for Portimonense (nine points), Fafe (10), Academica Viseu (10), Sporting Espinho (12) and Farense (13).

And none too happy with their situation are Leixoes (13), Braga (14) and Nacional (15).

Portugal's sporting geography has been built on the northbound Lisbon-Oporto axis and Portimonense from Portimao on the Algarve to the south are finding out in a painful manner that they are second class citizens not only in terms of results and finance but in terms also of power to attract star players.

Of course, Brazilians come cheap — there are currently an astonishing 249 in Portuguese football thanks to the countries' dual nationality treaty — but it's hard to believe many of them are any better than home-grown stars.

Certainly the Portuguese national team seems to be bearing witness to the problems of a league clogged with imports.

For the World Cup-tie against Luxembourg manager Juca went back to 36-year-old Rio Jordao, the former Benfica, Zaragoza and Sporting star who is now enjoying a new lease of footballing life at Vitoria Setubal.

Even then the national team struggled to a 1-0 victory and lost Jordao to injury halfway through the match as well.

Will the Portuguese experience be mirrored through western European football when the arrival of the European Community labour harmonisation sweeps aside most of professional football's restrictive, nationalistic practices?

If any team appears doomed to relegation it is Fafe.

They were pushed into the first division this season only because Famalicao were kicked out for match-fixing.

Clearly Fafe were not ready for the task though coach Jose Rachao says he is delighted with the way his players have responded. Nor does he believe they face a lost cause.

After a 2-0 defeat by Vitoria Guimaraes — which had threatened to be a rout when Vitoria grabbed both goals in the first 18 minutes — Rachao said: "We still have good morale.

"It's not many teams who concede two quick goals and then come back and play as well and resiliently as we did.

"We are going to keep at it and, that way, I am confident we will start to move up the league."

PORTUGAL

Viseu and Nacional, the latter from the Madeira 'capital' Funchal, are two other promoted teams in trouble — though Nacional have had some wretched luck.

Their 3-0 defeat by champions Porto sounds a reasonable reflection of the gap in class between the sides but, in fact, Porto were fortunate to be awarded two of their goals.

Fernando Gomes, much happier with life and football now that Artur Jorge is back in charge, scored both.

Meanwhile, the big names are scrapping away at the top.

Benfica maintained a slim advantage over Porto. The goals have dried up for Vata Garcia so it was centre-back Ricardo and midfielder Hernani who provided the goals which brought a 2-0 victory over Vitoria Setubal.

The good news for Benfica was in seeing the ex-Flamengo centre-back Mozer as their outstanding player once again.

The bad news is that Mozer's contract is up for renewal this year and he would like to play in Italy before winding down his career back home in Rio.

As for Sporting, they are three but five points behind Benfica.

President Jorge Goncalves continues trying to turn Sporting into a streamlined, business-like entity but he is opposed within the membership by two groups each with plenty of support.

KEIR RADNEDGE

HUISTRA

PIETER HUISTRA: remember his name. This 21-year-old made a marvellous international debut in Holland's recent friendly against Italy. He can fill Holland's long standing vacancy on the left wing.

Twente Enschede's outside-left looked not at all out of place in the company of men like Marco Van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and Ronald Koeman, particularly in the first half when Huistra's swerves and feints made Fernando de Napoli look a novice.

Despite fielding several new players in Rome, Holland hardly deserved to lose 1-0.

Holland's captain Ronald Koeman said afterwards: "Pieter Huistra is the man who has moved closest to the Dutch team."

Foreign

Koeman clearly enjoyed playing with Huistra. The PSV man has the best crossfield pass in the world, and at last he had an outside-left who could make use of it.

Remarkably, Huistra had no international experience at all before playing Italy. He had never been involved in European club competition. The Olympic Stadium in Rome was the first big foreign stadium that he entered.

Huistra will be 22 on January 18, but he looks even younger. He was born the son of a journalist in a tiny village in the north of Holland.

When he first started playing football it was as an outside-left.

At 17 Huistra made his professional debut with Groningen. He was still a schoolboy at the time — despite making his name as a footballer he has managed to complete his education.

Weird

He became famous quickly thanks to one moment in a match against his current club Twente.

Huistra was moving into Twente's penalty area with the ball, when the experienced Martin Koopman decided to tackle him. Huistra pretended to shoot while instead somehow pulling the ball to one side, and Koopman ended up on the ground ten yards away.

As Huistra says: "I have a few weird feints — often I don't know myself how I do them.

"Once, when I was playing for

LUCERNE IN SWISS SHOCK

THE initial phase of the Swiss league championship, the so-called "Qualification round", produced at least one surprise team among the title contenders, in Lucerne.

Most experts didn't give the lakesiders much chance, while their defensive tactics in away matches have prompted strong criticism.

But their German team chief Friedel Rausch, 48, has proved them wrong.

He is a realist who doesn't get carried away by the local media indulging in euphoria over the team's achievements.

Rausch lets his charges play a simple, unsophisticated type of football and advises the individuals only to try that which is within their ability and not attempt any extravagant tricks or moves.

And above all, he insists, they should stick to their positions.

Lucerne's defence is better organised than any other and the system is the right one, for it suits the players.

The team does boast several more than useful performers who are ideally suited to the quick counter attacking style and the changes of pace are quite bewildering.

SWITZERLAND

Rausch, who joined Lucerne in 1985, has recently extended his contract until 1992.

His key men are his German compatriot Jurgen Mohr, 30, from Berlin who has developed into an excellent player whose "laser beamed" pinpoint passes, vision and intuition are a revelation.

And so is the former international defender Roger Wehrli 32, a highly experienced team captain.

Their top striker is the Icelandic international Sigi Gretarsson.

Captain Wehrli says: "We don't have a weak link now, and our position at the top of the table is richly deserved."

Few would argue with that assessment, though whether Lucerne are already championship material will be answered in the far more difficult second phase in the spring.

By contrast, champions Xamax Neuchatel and the "millionaires" from Servette Geneva have struggled.

Both had slumped among the last four, but were favoured to make the top eight and the final pool into which they will take half the points total with them.

SAFET — DO

WHAT a fascinating double act Safet Susic and Christian Perez have become, to be sure! One Saturday evening they are banging in goals for opposite international sides in Belgrade. The next, they are combining to score the winning goal for Paris Saint Germain away to Bordeaux.

It was the 33-year-old Susic who provided the elegant pass, 25-year-old Perez, actually on loan from Montpellier, who took the ball wide of Dominique Dropsy and put it in the net.

Within less than a year, Susic's fortunes have taken the most astonishing turn for the better.

You may remember that things went so badly for the elegant Yugoslav attacker — inside-forward you might call him — that he was dropped from the first team squad and suffered the humiliation of playing for the reserves in Division III of the French League, on suburban grounds in and around Paris, watched by a handful of spectators.

The arrival of Tomislav Ivic as manager of Paris S-G has put an end to that sad episode in Susic's somewhat eventful career.

Before he joined Paris S-G, he got into trouble with the Italians, who banned him because it turned out

ON MARK

HOLLAND

Holland Under-18s, I used one of them. Our manager spent the rest of the match practising that move by the sideline, but he couldn't do it once."

Twente's striker Piet Keur, not usually a generous man, is a great admirer of his provider Huistra.

He says: "I see him every day and I think he's a star — a real old-fashioned outside-left who defends as well. He can beat his man on the inside and on the outside, he's fast, he has a good cross, and he's still young.

"The boy has no idea himself how good he is. All he needs is a bit more strength."

PSV Eindhoven's manager Guus Hiddink also admires Huistra. This could give a clue as to where the player will continue his career.

Huistra is lucky to have been born in Holland, one of the few countries where the position of outside-left even exists at all.

The national team have been looking for a genuine left-winger since Rob de Wit's sad retirement in 1986. Huistra looks to be the right man.

Lucky

He is also lucky that creative players are freer in Holland than elsewhere. Both his club and the national team allow Huistra to risk possession by taking on defenders.

Huistra, an amateur at heart, loves being able to exercise his skills.

"I really take pleasure from giving an attractive cross, one that you can watch all the way.

"To be honest I sometimes enjoy a draw with a couple of good feints more than a boring 1-0 victory. That's not professional, but that's the way I feel."

PIETER HUISTRA in action against Italy.

AND PEREZ UBLE ACT!

he had signed both for Torino and for Inter.

By a great irony, the man on the bench in Belgrade when France lost 3-2 to Yugoslavia, after Perez's third minute goal had given them the lead, was none other than Gerard Houllier, assistant manager of France now but the manager of Paris S-G when Susic was banished to the stiffs.

Susic said all that belonged to the past; he was perfectly happy to be photographed shaking hands with Houllier.

Then, you might say, he went out to shake France, making their first and last goals and scoring the other himself.

"At 33 years old," Susic had remarked modestly, "when you have a couple of poor games, everybody thinks you are finished. Including yourself.

"My recall by Yugoslavia surprised me at first, I thought I had been set aside.

"I am very happy to have scored a goal against France because it means that Osim will have to pick me for the next match.

"And, beyond that, I hope to play in the next World Cup, where I think that I could be a joker.

"I'd have liked to win against a different opponent, but what could I do? Anyway, the French team still has five matches to play and ten points to take, so they can still qualify — which I hope that they will."

The cream of the jest, of course, is that Susic, after six years in France, counts as an honorary Frenchman, and the French were not too pleased when Osim recalled him to the colours.

Perez meanwhile showed true international temperament and fully justified Platini's boldly successful choice of a player who had never previously seemed to be in the reckoning for a cap.

Far from freezing on his debut in such difficult circumstances, Perez lobbed his goal with great coolness, and later provided the pass for which Sauzee scored the second.

But he admits it was that early goal which released him from what had been a week of stress and anxiety.

So much so, Perez admits, that he didn't show his form at all in the French training sessons which preceded the Belgrade game.

"My goal liberated me," he says.

He had instructions to go for goal, but he also did a lot of excellent defensive work.

When you are playing away, he said, there are times when you as a forward have to defend. But perhaps when they were ahead, he pursued somewhat wistfully, France should have booted the ball into the stands, which Paris S-G are so good at doing.

Paris S-G of course have been battling it out at the head of the table, neck and neck with Auxerre, who have discovered a new young

FRANCE by Andre Duclos

star in Christophe Cocard; who could so easily have gone to Paris Saint Germain.

Houllier wanted him, as a youngster, and he admits that the set up in Paris was in many ways much more impressive and attractive than that at Auxerre.

But the persuasive tongue of the long-serving Auxerre manager Guy Roux induced him to choose Auxerre; much to the annoyance of Paris S-G, who must still feel somewhat displeased, as Cocard does such excellent things both for his club and for the French Under 21 team; who used his skills to great effect out on the left flank against Yugoslavia Under 21.

A midfielder, Cocard does not, like so many of the Auxerre team, come from that region: he did not come up through their various junior teams.

In fact it remains something of a mystery that the big clubs should have ignored him for so long.

He is a Norman who turned out for such little teams as Broglie and Evereux in Divisions IV and III. So thoroughly was he overlooked, believe it or not, that his father and sister had to get on the telephone and approach club after club, Paris S-G and Dunkirk shwoing an interest in him.

Auxerre then came into the picture. What decided matters was that Cocard turned out for both the Auxerre first team and the reserves in the same training match, scoring for each side. Then came Auxerre's persuasiveness.

Cocard says things are pretty hard at Auxerre; even at the level of the youth team; you are always fighting for your place.

But even though Roux not long ago banned him from playing for France Under 21 against Morocco, because he had driven off to see his fiance at Dijon, he is happy at Auxerre.

And, if his present form continues, the French first team must be within reach.

Goodness knows what, bar Division II, is in reach for Matra Racing, the way things have been going. Allowing Artur Jorge to go back to Portugal, and now back to Porto, has been no help at all.

The unfortunate veteran Hauss has inherited what seems a demoralised team; one capable of losing 2-0 at the Parc des Princes to a Sochaux side which, by contrast, got back on to a long unbeaten run, having failed to consolidate its bright early start.

Stephane Paille, who headed a goal in that game in the second half, remains a striker of great opportunism, one of the relatively few bright spots in the French international team.

Graham Rix's Caen, until their 3-1 defeat at Nantes, with Mo Johnston scoring, have had a splendid revival; as has the little Ivory Coast winger Fofana of Monaco.

Jorge Burruchaga should be back with Nantes after the winter break.

HUNGARY

Mezey hit by scandal

HUNGARY'S scandal rumbles on and it is still impossible to say where it will end. It is certainly making life difficult for national team manager, György Mezey, though perhaps not as uncomfortable as for one of his forerunners, Kalman Meszöly.

Inquiries continue, eight clubs look likely to be in the count at some stage and while the 40 players accused of corruption await news from the judiciary they may not be selected for the international squad. Just what Mezey should do before the friendly with Greece and the Malta World Cup chances could be decimated by the many internationals on trial being judged guilty.

At least seven new players will have to be drafted in to the pool of possibles and it is fortunate a more severe, competitive test is not on the agenda until Jack Charlton's Irish go to Budapest in the first week of March.

In the championship — and who knows what will become of it — MTK have celebrated their first hundred years by topping the autumn table with 36 points. Ferencváros are second four points behind while Honvéd stand third on 29. At the foot Vasas' dreadful season continues with only fellow North Budapest strugglers Ujesti Dózsa and promoted Dunaújváros clubs they will have any chance of catching when the league resumes.

Dunaújváros surprisingly defeated Pécsi MSC in the penultimate round, 3-1, to record their first win of the campaign but any revival was quashed by losing to Rába ETO away. Veszprém have the oddest record, ten goals to date and 20 against yielding 17 points and giving the Lakeside club a reasonably respectable 12th place.

In the Cup there were some considerable surprises, the greatest coup being Division Three Doemsoed's elimination of MTK by two goals to one. Repcelak, also from Division Three, accounted for Vesprém on penalties. Dunaújváros were heavily defeated by second division Sopron and TTVE put out Vasas while several other premier sides scraped home by a goal.

At the half way stage in Division Two, DMVSC and SC Csepel lead their respective East and West Sections. Rákóczi, relegated from the top flight last summer, have slumped further and a two to one defeat away to Volán in Budapest puts the club in deep trouble with the threat of further demotion from the West Group.

In both sections there is all to play for with runners up to be matched for the third promotion place. Only TTVE, bottom of the West Section, and Sopron, also in the basement, join the two Third Division and 14 Premier clubs in the 1/8 Finals of the Cup.

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GORNIK STUNG

POLAND

POLAND'S Cup quarter-finals brought the first half of the season to an end and there was a sting in the tail.

Górnik, who had been having a busy time with an average of a match every three to four days throughout the autumn, were drawn with Legia who surprisingly took a 3-2 lead in the first leg in Zabrze. Nevertheless it looked far from an insurmountable task to make up the deficit in Warsaw and the 'Miners' began by creating numerous chances.

None could be converted and Legia took the lead, to go ahead 4-2 on aggregate, from a classic counter moments before the interval. The infamous Legia pitch did not help the Upper Silesians and even less did a further Legia score which put the tie beyond doubt and the Warsaw club on their way to a possible Cup Winners' place in the spring.

Ruch Chorzów, Slásk Wroclaw and Baltyk Gdynia stand in their path. Ruch saw off Pogon 4-0 after a 3-3 draw in Szczecin and will be looking for a trophy with which to celebrate their return to the Elite Class after their first and only year of Division Two football. Slásk completed the job by winning 2-1 at home to Katowice and Baltyk joined the other three semi-finalists by drawing with Jagiellonia in in Bialystok. Katowice will be kicking themselves but little has gone right since elimination from Europe by Rangers.

On the other hand they occupy second place in the league and only trail Górnik by two points. Ruch are third following a 2-0 win on the last league day of the autumn half season with Walbrzych now equal last on points with the bottom two, Slásk and Jestrzebie.

Bytom, 13th, look the fourth most likely candidates for the drop despite taking two points from Pogon, only the club's third win of the season. Jestrzebie, who could almost have written off their chances of avoiding relegation a couple of months ago, and the other backmarkers each need a couple of good wins to make the position really interesting and give themselves a chance when the Championship gets under way again in three months.

Then there could be a real scramble for safety. It is to be hoped the snow which covered most pitches on the last day of the first half term will have disappeared come March though it seems to have had little effect on the outcome of round fifteen.

Perhaps the one surprise of the past three months has been the inability of either Lódź club to mount a real challenge.

The biggest disappointment was naturally the elimination on penalties of Lech in Poznan by Barcelona after the Poles had taken the lead in the thirtieth minute through Kruszczyński. So near yet so far!

Górnik were also ahead in their tie, in Madrid, so perhaps the omens are good for the spring and the Klub Polska?

Less promising, however, look to be the chances of Andrzej Rudy's joining the squad for the crucial matches at Rasunda and Wembley. He 'disappeared' after the 'Testspiel' with the Italian League XI in Milan and rumour was that with the help of an agent of some sort he would be joining a Bundesliga side.

Whether a 'Lex Lesniak' will prove to be the instrument by which his situation will be regularised once he resurfaces remains to be seen but it is all unlikely to help relations with the Polish FA.

Leading scorers to date this season, in the Elite Class, are Cygan (Szombierki) and Krzystof Warzycha (Ruch) on eight, Cyzio (Pogon) and Urban (Górnik Zabrze) on seven and Kubisztal (Katowice) on six.

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LINEKER... progress at Lech's expense.

VICTORIA

VICTORIA BUCHAREST set the seal on probably the most successful autumn in the history of the game in Rumania.

After winning narrowly at home in the third round, first leg of the UEFA Cup against the Finns of Turun Palloseura, the Rumanian 'Wimbledon', a lesser league side not many moons ago, added to the lead obtained in the third minute at home by Ursea to go three up on aggregate.

Luck seemed to be with Victoria as the first goal in the second leg was a free kick Eckerman had covered but was deflected past him, the second a classic own goal by Heikkinen who sliced an unstoppable shot home when trying to clear a centre. This virtually sealed matters but the Finns replied through Rajamski in 36, Halonen in 59 and Jalo in 90 minutes but by then it was too late and the third Rumanian representatives were through to the quarter finals.

Even more decisive had been Steaua's second round progress against Spartak Moscow for whom the second leg task proved just too great.

Picturca, Hagi and Lacatus played cat and mouse with the Spartak rearguard, the latter increasing the aggregate lead of the visitors to 4-0 after eleven minutes. The crowd of 25,000 continued to urge Spartak on despite the deficit and a temperature of minus ten but Cherenkov, the scorer of the Russians' only goal in the 180 minutes, was the only forward to provide a threat.

The game was long since up for the Soviet champions when Balint

DASAYEV... off to Sevilla.

IPSWICH SWOOP

SOVIET UNION

WHERE will the Soviet exodus end now Sergei Baltacha has left Dynamo Kiev for a spell at Ipswich?

If the Ukrainian centre back is as good value as his Dutch predecessors Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen there will be few complaints in Suffolk.

Meanwhile national team-mate Dasayev has begun his career in Spain with a first appearance in the transfer match between Sevilla and Spartak. Some 30,000 Andalusians were present to see 'Torero' Dasayev defend the Muscovite nets for 45 minutes and those of Sevilla, naturally at the same end of the Estadio Sánchez Pizjuán, in the second half.

New team-mate Toni Polster got one past Dasayev after ten minutes but Pasulko equalised before the change-over. Sevilla's winner was despatched past Dasagev's successor 15 minutes from the end by Ramon Vazquez.

Thus ends the 31-year-old's nine and a half seasons with Spartak, a case of an Astrakhan taking his hat elsewhere.

In the final championship in which Dasayev played Spartak qualified for the UEFA Cup by fourth place behind Dnepr who won 18 and drew 10 matches. Dynamo Kiev were second and Torpedo Moscow third.

Zhalgiris, who had an indifferent season, especially after being eliminated from the UEFA Cup by FK Austria Memphis, came in fifth, a disappointing placing for the Baltic's only top class representative but some way ahead of the chasing pack of clubs in mid-table headed by Zenith, the early season pacemakers.

At the bottom Neftchi and Kairat are relegated as expected so there will for a time be no top football in Baku or Alma-Ata but the clubs in the west of the country will be facing more than just a few extra kilometers in the air when they set out for Tadjakistan and an away game with Pamir Duchambe, one of the two promoted clubs.

No sooner than the season was over than the national squad was off on its customary winter travels. Syria and Kuwait were the hosts and the USSR did its 1988 record and goal-average some good by winning 2-0 and 1-0 respectively in friendlies.

In an interview manager Valeri Lobanovsky reaffirmed that he must keep thinking of the future, even after such a football marathon as was the past year. He was nonetheless satisfied the team had shown it can play modern football. He is also conscious that World Cup qualification will not be a cakewalk, as was demonstrated by the difficulty encountered in gaining a point in Iceland.

Less satisfactory was his view of Kiev's runners up placing which has to be attributed to points dropped in September when ten games had to be played in 30 days. In January Dynamo will be preparing at a training camp in Ruit, West Germany.

As to transfers, the national and Kiev manager mused it may be premature to expect to see Protasov and Mikhailichenko in the Italian championship next season.

Before anything very significant happens there is the Football Union's crucial conference. The 'Union', a new institution, will now be responsible for Soviet soccer.

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THROUGH

RUMANIA

turned the knife in the wound by making it 2-1 on the night, 5-1 on aggregate, moments before Herr Foeckler brought the agony to an end.

Hagi, Lacatus and goalkeeper Lung were the heroes applauded off by the 50 Rumanian supporters accompanying the team.

Dinamo's progress to the Cup-Winners' quarter final was not so smooth, Dundee United being in with a chance to the last, Mateut only getting the winner eight minutes from the end of a tense second leg in to which the Scots had gone a goal down.

Bowman's 79th-minute effort to put United on aggregate terms proved a false dawn and the Rumanians were able to build on the spade work done at Tannadice.

The national team also await the second half of the season with gusto having put four points on the board and assumed command of World Cup group one.

Greece away in April could prove tricky but the form of the team and of the club sides who have overcome tougher obstacles in the autumn will probably be too much for the bottom placed country in the Group and certainly for neighbouring Bulgaria in Bucharest a month later.

Rounds 15 and 16 in the League played in quick succession in early December did little to change matters at the top of the championship table, apart from boosting the leaders' goal difference. Dinamo put seven past Farul in Constanta and Steaua scored no less than eleven times at home to a hapless Corvinul Hunedoara.

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BULGARIA

CFKA clinch autumn title

CFKA Sredets clinched Bulgaria's 'Autumn Championship' with a 2-0 away victory over Spartak which means a seven point cushion against immediate challengers, Etur, who also won their last game of the first half of the season, at home to Sliven.

Trakia failed to overtake Etur by dropping both points at home to Plovdiv in Vitosha and remain third on goal difference.

Prepare

The situation will suit the cup winners as they prepare during the three month break for their CWC Quarter Final. After four wins, two over a weak Inter Bratislava and two, more impressively, over Panathinaikos, manager Panev fears nobody and it is hardly surprising as his team has dropped only four league points, is the only Bulgarian club left in Europe and his success compares starkly with the decline of Vitosha and other Sofia clubs, the national side's problems in World Cup Group one, despite the point taken in Copenhagen, and the lack of progress in introducing the much discussed and needed reforms.

Lok Sofia were easily seen off in the November derby, usually a game in which Sredets struggle but this time the railwaymen were no match despite scoring two late goals which gave a false impression, Sredets having dominated and scored four.

Lok Gorna were also easy meat but the bottom club managed to hold Slavia, another metropolitan outfit which will be looking for better things in the spring. When the second half of the team begins the national team face the first of two home games in the World Cup.

The Danes visit in late April and then there is the return with Romania in Bucharest. Three points are probably the minimum to put the Bulgars back in contention but unless there is a major upset the Romanians will remain the favourites to finish off the task of reaching Italy in the coming autumn. Bulgaria's only chance may be to qualify as one of the best runners up in the groups of four nations but it is difficult to see where the goals will come from. Perhaps playing Sredets en bloc is a solution to be considered?

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RICCARDO FERRI... winning and losing with Inter.

BREHME

ITALY

A POPULAR pastime at the end of the year is to review the past 12 months and pick out the most ill-timed or ill-judged or inappropriate public comments.

Anyone engaged in such a pursuit will have to go a long way to better the verbal embarrassment heaped upon Andy Brehme, West German midfielder of Italian league leaders Internazionale.

Inter, starring both Brehme and fellow West German Lothar Matthaus, were instrumental in the fine 2-0 victory secured in the UEFA Cup third round first leg against their own club, Bayern, and in Munich too.

On the eve of the return, in what passes for the Stadio Meazza builders' yard right now, Brehme said: "I would think the result is almost certain.

"We have dropped only one point and conceded only three goals in our eight league matches, and we lead 2-0 from the away leg.

"Only madmen could throw away an advantage like that and this squad of ours at Inter is not a squad of idiots . . ."

Bayern, of course, duly came, saw off Brehme injured after 25 minutes and conquered courtesy of the away goals rule.

It was a nasty shock for Inter's fans but coach Giovanni Trapattoni will no doubt turn it to good effect in the attempt to secure what would be only the club's second league title this decade (the first was celebrated in 1980).

Inter were not the only European fallers. When Milan secured their place in the quarter-finals of the Champions' Cup and Sampdoria went through in the Cup-winners' Cup, it looked as though Italy might push six out of six into the round of the last eight.

The UEFA Cup was the problem. While Juventus easily disposed of FC Liege and Napoli struggled past Bordeaux (even though the French had a man sent off in both legs), it was Roma who joined Inter among the failures.

Roma have had one of those seasons. They are to Italian football what Barcelona are in Spain or Sporting Lisbon in Portugal: a club where power, politics and a floodtide bank account militate against the creation of a successful rather than encourage it.

It says much for Nils Liedholm's peace of mind that the veteran Swedish coach went back there in 1987 to begin a second spell.

Whether he will survive to the end of his contract is, however, in doubt.

Last summer Roma president Dino Viola pulled out all the stops in the transfer market.

STANGE SACKED

BERND STANGE has been sacked as manager of East Germany in the wake of the 3-1 World Cup qualifying defeat by Turkey in Istanbul. He is succeeded by former Magdeburg international defender, Manfred Zapf.

A DUTCH second division match between Den Haag and RBC was abandoned after 16 minutes following a phone call reporting an explosive device in the ground. Before the match three people had been injured — one seriously — when a bomb exploded outside the stadium.

SIXTEEN fans were arrested when fighting broke out after the FA Cup second round tie between non-League Enfield and Cardiff.

UP TO FOUR players per team will be allowed to be substituted during this year's International Football Cup. The 'Inter-toto', which is run for the benefit of continental pools during the summer, begins on July 1 and ends on July 23. The group winners will receive £13,000, the runners-up £5,000. The various state pools organisations will each be contributing up to £35,000 to the running costs.

SPANIARDS SWAMP THE POOR IRISH

A SIGNIFICANT trend evolved at the Benito Villamarin Stadium in Seville last month with the clash of World Cup qualifying Group 6 favourites Spain and the Republic of Ireland.

Jack Charlton's desperately depleted team was swamped by the much relieved Luis Suarez's now resurgent new-look Spain.

The comprehensive 2-0 victory, on a passionate Andalucian night, opened Spain's quest for Italia '90 far better than Suarez might have hoped, with a stunning second half performance.

Debutant Manolo's goal early after the restart afforded the stylish Spaniards the breathing space they'd failed to gain in a first half which saw Bonner in the Irish goal make three brilliant saves.

Spain won the midfield contest from the kick-off with Michel, the best player on the park, the elegant Martin Vazquez and anchorman, Roberto, playing in front of the adventurous Sanchis.

Ireland's attempts to stifle this with Moran playing totally out of his depth in midfield behind the lonely Sheridan, flanked by the hardworking Houghton and Galvin, never seriously troubled the Spaniards.

Charlton went into the game minus a string of recognised midfield talent . . . Brady, Sheedy, McGrath and Whelan, all of whom may have played had they not had to pull out through injury.

Indeed, Liam Brady, who had yet to play a full game for his club since recovering from a bad knee injury, got a late call-up from a desperate Charlton who then decided not to use him as he felt Brady wasn't fit enough.

The Irish lost it all in the centre of the pitch with too much creatively expected from Sheridan with Moran in a defensive role.

David O' Leary, back in the team after 32 months, was the only welcoming factor for the Irish on a night that must now be put firmly behind them as they strive for a place in Italy.

The game away to Spain was always going to be the toughest one for Charlton. But he could have done without such misfortune with injuries.

Meanwhile, Spain, who certainly feared the Irish in the build-up, compensated for the loss of Bakero with a new international find in the tiny, pacey Atletico Madrid winger, Manolo, who, along with the wily skills of skipper Butragueno, wreaked havoc in a square and slow Irish defence on several occasions.

Michel at times was quite brilliant as he orchestrated Suarez's midfield, ably flanked by Martin Vazquez and attacking fullbacks in Quique and Jiminez, who have had little international experience.

A much interested spectator was Billy Bingham who must bring his Northern Ireland side to the intimidating atmosphere of Seville later this month.

As for Charlton's Ireland; the Spanish result isn't a disaster, but he cannot now afford to drop two more points in Budapest next March if he is to be hopeful of bringing the "Boys in Green" to Italy.

The price paid for playing the three tough away games first could yet prove expensive. But all is far from lost.

PUTS FOOT IN IT!

By KEIR RADNEDGE

Renato and Andrade from Brazil were the new foreigners to support Rudi Voller while the West German was to be kept on his attacking toes by the £2.5 million rivalry of the new Italian starlet, Ruggiero Rizzitelli.

Italy's Olympic Games commitments meant that the clubs went into European action before the league had begun.

Roma made a faltering start, beating Nurnberg but seeing Rizzitelli sent off in the first leg and then Renato sent off in the second.

Rizzitelli had previously been riding on the crest of wave after scoring a hat-trick in a 5-2 domestic cup victory over Piacenza.

Those goals prompted speculation that Roma would unload injury-prone Voller just as soon as they could. But Liedholm was not so sure.

He dropped Rizzitelli from the first team and, when asked why, commented that "there is no hurry. Rizzitelli is an investment. We are not looking for instant profits."

Rizzitelli himself was not happy. Nor was Andrade. The late-arriving Brazilian did not mince words about the situation he found at Roma.

"Chaotic," was a verdict which would have brought high-level retribution had Roma not them found themselves caught up in the controversial UEFA Cup-tie in Yugoslavia against Partizan when Giuseppe Giannini was struck by an 88th-minute missile hurled from the crowd.

By the time Roma's verbal thunderstorm had passed over UEFA and Roma had reached the third round it was Liedholm rather than Rizzitelli who was now the focus for suspicion.

Pressure built up when Roma travelled to East Germany for the UEFA Cup third round opener which they lost 2-0 to Dynamo Dresden in the ice and snow.

The following Sunday should have been simple: a home league match against a Torino who were on the verge of sacking coach Gigi Radice, a playing colleague of Liedholm's at Milan in the 1950s.

Remarkably, Torino won 3-1. Radice stayed in his job while Liedholm's grew a little more insecure.

It wasn't so much rumours that half the squad wanted Liedholm out or rumours that Renato was fighting for the coach to stay: what really infuriated fans and directors was that, for the first time in nine years, promoted neighbours Lazio were above Roma in the league.

President Viola delayed a decision, giving Liedholm a further week's grace.

It was a week his players put to good use with a superb 2-0 victory awy to second-placed Sampdoria.

Voller scored the first after 36 minutes with Massaro, signe from Milan on the eve of the season, claiming the second 13 minutes from time.

Inbetween the veteran goalkeeper Franco Tancredi made two superb saves.

Viola was ecstatic, hurrying down to the dressing rooms (as Italian club presidents will, when their team are winning) to promise a special extra bonus . . . which the players refused.

Giannini said: "It's not a matter of money. We played and won for ourselves, for the fans, for the club and for the manager. Winning is reward enough."

It took just three days to wipe away the smiles as Roma then lost 2-0 at home to Dresden in the UEFA Cup return before winning 1-0 away to Verona in the league.

One thing is certain: Roma will not be up there challenging for the league title.

At Press time only Napoli look capable of giving Inter a run for their money.

The thrilling 5-3 victory victory over Juventus in Turin was followed by a 4-1 thrashing of Milan which avenged last season's title collapse against Ruud Gullit and Co.

What's wrong with Milan? Nothing that a clear run without injuries could not solve.

But when those injuries niggle away at the confidence of players — even Gullit himself — it's hard to turn the corner.

Last season Milan came through from the shadows; this season all the pressure is on Arrigo Sacchi and his men and they are not coping with it very well.

Unlike Sasha Zavarov, who is adjusting to Italian football and Juventus with the sort of speed Ian Rush must envy.

GIL INSULT

SPAIN

By KEIR RADNEDGE

THE eternal war between Real Madrid and Barcelona is legend. Not so well-documented is the rivalry between Real and neighbours Atletico — mainly because Atletico have always been the poor relations.

But all that is changing thanks to Jesus Gil, Paco Buyo and Martin Navarrete.

These were the three key figures at the centre of the storm which engulfed the Madrid derby.

The match went into the record book as a 2-1 win for Real. But the scoreline was incidental to the main thrust of the action.

Trouble had been building up since the summer when Gil was uncomplimentary in well-publicised remarks about Real.

Then, much closer to the derby, first Gil was suspended from league committee activity for three months for allegedly insulting all and sundry in officialdom before a further row erupted over plans to televise the match.

When Real threatened to ban the cameras, Gil — with coach Ron Atkinson trapped somewhere in the middle — threatened to send out the youth team.

The federation responded that Atletico could face loss of penalty points plus a heavy fine and eventually there was an uneasy truce.

In the meantime, Real went down to Sevilla for a midweek league match and struggled to hold on for a 1-1 draw which allowed Barcelona to pull level at the top.

An ill-tempered match saw Hugo Sanchez sent off, forcing him to miss the derby because of suspension.

He was probably the lucky one!

The truce, such as it was, lasted for just three minutes into the match.

The venue was the Estadio Bernabeu, the attendance around 95,000 and the referee was Antonio Martin Navarrete.

Now 39, he had first reached the senior list eight years ago but had surprisingly failed to make the expected progress onto the FIFA panel.

With this man from Malaga in charge these were the two teams . . .

Real: Buyo — Chendo, Tendillo, Gallego, Julio Llorente — Michel, Schuster (Aldana 67), Martin Vazquez, Gordillo — Paco Llorente, Butragueno.

Atletico: Abel — Tomas, Luis Garcia, Sergio, Juan Carlos — Torrecilla, Donato, Futre, Orejuela — Manolo, Baltazar.

And this is what happened . . .

3 minutes: Luis Garcia is shown the yellow card for dissent after fouling Michel.

4: Real attack, force a corner, Rafael Martin Vazquez takes it and defender Julio Llorente prods the ball home: 1-0 to Real.

13: Antonio Orejuela passes up to Portuguese star Paulo Futre, who goes around Real keeper Paco Buyo and shoots against the post; Futre seizes on the rebound and passes across goal for new Spain international Manolo to equalise: 1-1.

16: The ball has to be replaced because Ultras on the South Curve refuse to return it to play.

18: Ricardo Gallego is yellow carded for a retaliatory foul on Baltazar.

21: Juan Carlos is shown the caution card for fouling Emilio Butragueno.

25: Martin Vazquez is yellow carded for a foul on Futre.

Half-time: all-square at 1-1.

49: Futre is felled by Buyo but Martin Navarrete waves aside Atletico appeals for a penalty.

59: The first expulsion as Real centre back Miguel Tendillo is sent off for fouling Futre.

61: The incident of major controversy. Futre wriggles clear of the Real defence and is brought down outside the penalty box by the advancing Buyo. Buyo gets up to confront Orejuela and then falls, writhing in apparent agony, on the ground. Buyo is booked — presumably for the foul — while Orejuela, to his own astonishment, is sent off — presumably for felling Buyo.

65: Buyo is back on his feet and then off them again, this time to foul Manolo outside the penalty box. Astonishingly, Martin Navarrete takes no action against the Madrid keeper.

67: Bernd Schuster suffers a broken nose in what appears a rare innocent collision and has to be substituted.

75: Donato, Atletico's new Brazilian, is shown the yellow card for a foul on Rafael Gordillo.

88: Manolo is yellow carded for dangerous play.

91: Into overtime and Martin Vazquez sends Atletico tempers over the top by grabbing a late, late winner for Real. Futre, claiming offside, races over to the linesmen and lets fly with a stream of invective. When Martin Navarrete catches up with Atletico's Portuguese skipper he sends him off.

As Martin Navarrete blew his full-time whistle so scores of riot police swarmed through the crowd to prevent any trouble.

But this, at least, proved one of those matches with more hooligans on the pitch than in the stands.

Not surprisingly, tempers ran high. Gil, watching on television, was infuriated that Buyo should have escaped the red card not once, not twice but three times.

In the stadium Atkinson earned

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Obituary.— MARIO RENOSTO, left winger with Milan in the days of the Grenoli trio, has died in Trieste aged 59. Renosto began with Modena in 1946, helped Venezia win promotion to the first division then transferred to Milan in 1950. That season he was a regular alongside Gunnar Gren, Gunnar Nordahl and Nils Liedholm as Milan regained the championship for the first time in 44 years. Later Renosto played for Roma, Novara, Triestina and Messina. In the 1960s he was briefly coach of Triestina.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

SOVIET UNION: Dnepr clinch their second league title in four years as they defeat Zhalgiris Vilnius in the penultimate league round of the season. Dnepr lead Kiev by five points.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

ACTION: Honduras are surprisingly eliminated from the World Cup as they are held 1-1 at home in Tegucigalpa by Trinidad and Tobago who progress to the play-offs on the away goals rule. The first leg finished 0-0.

FRANCE: Paris Saint-Germain lean heavily on two-goal Christian Perez in a surprisingly awkward 3-2 victory over bottom-of-the-table Lens.

GREECE: Panathinaikos have a £400,000 offer for imprisoned Danish star Jan Molby rejected by Liverpool.

HOLLAND: Romario begins to repay PSV Eindhoven's investment as he scores a brilliant hat-trick in the 5-2 thrashing of RKC.

ITALY: An Italian League XI draw 2-2 in Milan with Poland. But the Poles lose midfield star Andrzej Rudy, who quits the team hotel to ask for asylum in the West.

WEST GERMANY: Championship-chasing Stuttgart are upset 6-1 by Kaiserslautern, have Srecko Katanec sent off in the 38th minute and lose Jurgen Klinsmann with an injured foot a quarter of an hour before the end. Yet Stuttgart remain second in the table, albeit now three points behind Bayern Munich, who beat Koln 2-0 despite injury to Roland Grahammer.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

ARGENTINA: Racing win 3-1 away to Velez Sarsfield to stay three points clear of Boca Juniors.

BELGIUM: National boss Guy Thys is forced to make changes in his World Cup squad for the Czechoslovakia match, because of injuries to Jan Ceulemans, Leo Clijsters, Bruno Versavel and Francis Severeyns. Stephan Demol will have to play with injured ribs strapped up. Thys calls up defenders Philippe Albert and Michel De Wolf, midfielder Marc Van der Linden and striker Hans Christiaens.

BRAZIL: In the first matches of the second round of the national championship, Internacional surprisingly beat Flamengo 3-1 thanks to two more goals from new centre-forward discovery Nilson — taking his total so far to ten. Flamengo's goal was a superb solo effort from Zico.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

ITALY: Milan doctors report that Roberto Donadoni, now recovering from his Champions' Cup scare in Belgrade, may resume training within a fortnight and be playing again before Christmas . . . Fiorentina's new star Roberto Baggio is reportedly the subject of a £3.5million bid from Barcelona.

SOVIET UNION: Dnepr win their last league match 4-3 against Minsk Dynamo to celebrate their championship. Kiev, now in vain pursuit, beat Tbilisi 1-0 and Torpedo win the Moscow derby against Dynamo 2-1.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

ACTION: Czechoslovakia are beaten 3-0 at home in Nitra by Belgium in a European under-21 tie.

BELGIUM: In the continuing Heysel trial, former Belgian FA secretary Albert Roosens says he believed that everything possible had been done to prevent trouble between rival Liverpool and Juventus fans. Former Brussels mayor Herve Brouhon tells the court: "We never thought anything so dramatic could happen, certainly not before the match had even begun." Brouhon outlines the split in responsibility between the city police and the national gendarmerie but denies that this prevented effective policing of the stadium. He denies a report claiming that the Heysel was in "an advanced state of decline" and says that his office had never been asked to finance major redevelopment.

HOLLAND: European champions PSV Eindhoven agree to sell reserve striker Rob McDonald to Newcastle for £110,000 but Newcastle end their interest in another exile, Ajax and former Tottenham forward Ally Dick.

ITALY: Inter players are revealed to be on a £230,000 squad bonus if they qualify for the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup . . . Napoli midfielder Alemao is told he may be able to leave hospital next week to continue his recovery from hepatitis . . . Milan telex the Dutch federation requesting that Ruud Gullit be rested from the following day's friendly against Italy because of his injury problems.

SAUDI ARABIA: National coach Carlos Alberto Parreira dismisses stories that his men have been promised Cadillacs to beat England the following day. Carlos Alberto says: "This is a silly exaggeration. Most of my team are students, teachers or have jobs in banks or with Saudi airlines and they will be back in those jobs the day after the game."

SPAIN: Bernd Schuster and Barcelona president Jose Luis Nunez are cleared in a Barcelona court of tax evasion. Schuster had been accused of not declaring £280,000 earned through promotional contracts in 1985. Later the prosecution announces its intention to appeal . . . Barcelona's discarded young midfielder, Nayim, makes his first appearance in a Tottenham shirt in London in a reserve match against Charlton.

WEST GERMANY: A 63,000 crowd sees the league's top two, Bayern Munich and Stuttgart, draw 3-3. Bayern fight back after being 1-0 and later 3-1 down. Wegmann and Ekstrom score in the last eight minutes to earn Bayern a share of the points.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

ACTION: Busy World Cup night, with Portugal squeezing a 1-0 win over Luxembourg, Spain beating the Irish Republic 2-0 and Czechoslovakia and Belgium drawing 0-0. In friendly matches Italy beat a much-weakened Holland 1-0 with a goal from Gianluca Vialli and there is more tabloid abuse on the way for Bobby Robson after England's 1-1 draw in Saudi Arabia.

ARGENTINA: Moises Schottlender, a 75-year-old fan, threatens to sue the AFA, claiming that in 1985 he patented the idea of penalty shoot-outs to decide drawn league matches — the system now adopted in the Argentine championship.

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CYPRUS: APOEL Nicosia, who have conceded nine goals in two games, dismiss coach Tommy Cassidy, the former Northern Ireland midfielder. Cassidy took APOEL to the championship in 1986.

FRANCE: Bordeaux buy Denmark winger Jesper Olsen from Manchester United for £650,000. It is expected that England's Clive Allen will be sold to make way for Olsen, who is now the fourth import on Bordeaux's books.

PORTUGAL: Artur Jorge is confirmed as new coach of Porto, returning to the former European champions in succession to Quinito, who could not have expected to survive the Champions' Cup thrashing by PSV Eindhoven.

SWEDEN: Djurgardens are held goalless at home by Malmo in the first leg of the championship play-off final.

WEST GERMANY: Champions Werder Bremen look much more like their old selves as they thrash promoted Stuttgart Kickers 6-0 in Stuttgart. Frank Neubarth scores a hat-trick. That result helps Eintracht Frankfurt, 1-0 winners over Karslruhe, move off the bottom of the table.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

ITALY: Napoli report Diego Maradona as being doubtful for the weekend's match against Juventus because of a bruised thigh suffered in training the previous day when the Argentine collided with Renica.

SWITZERLAND: A protest by Xamax Neuchatel against crowd violence at their Champions' Cup second round second leg against Galatasaray of Turkey is postponed for one day because of the unavailability of several officials.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

ACTION: Yugoslavia and France draw 2-2 in a European under-21 tie.

CYPRUS: Tommy Cassidy decides to sue APOEL for more than £65,000 in a breach of contract suit.

FRANCE: New national boss Michel Platini says he will quit if France fail to qualify for the World Cup finals.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA's disciplinary committee order that the Champions' Cup second round, second leg between Galatasaray and Xamax Neuchatel should be replayed on neutral territory because of the Istanbul crowd's misbehaviour and missile-throwing. The decision provokes a storm of protest in

THE MONTH AHEAD: JANUARY

** = World Cup qualifier*
U = European under-21 chp

1.89	World Indoor Chp starts (Holland)
6.1.89	Egypt v Liberia*
6.1.89	Algeria v Zimbabwe*
6.1.89	Qatar v Jordan*
6.1.89	Oman v Iraq*
7.1.89	Nigeria v Gabon*
7.1.89	Kenya v Malawi*
8.1.89	Morocco v Zambia*
8.1.89	Ivory Coast v Libya*
8.1.89	Zaire v Tunisia*
8.1.89	Cameroon v Angola*
13.1.89	Oman v Qatar*
13.1.89	Jordan v Iraq*
15.1.89	World Indoor Chp Final (Amsterdam)
15.1.89	Veterans World Chp starts (Caninde, Sao Paulo)
20.1.89	Jordan v Oman*
20.1.89	Qatar v Iraq*
20.1.89	Libya v Algeria*
21.1.89	Malawi v Egypt*
22.1.89	Liberia v Kenya*
22.1.89	Zimbabwe v Ivory Coast*
22.1.89	Gabon v Cameroon*
22.1.89	Tunisia v Morocco*
22.1.89	Zambia v Zaire*
22.1.89	Angola v Nigeria*
22.1.89	Malta v Spain*
27.1.89	Jordan v Qatar*
27.1.89	Iraq v Oman*

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Turkey. Galatasaray had already been fined £8,000 for their fans' misbehaviour during the first leg in Switzerland. Other decisions include a £14,000 fine on Borac Banjaluka of Yugoslavia — plus the suspensions of four players and officials — for misbehaviour during the tie against Metallist Kharkov. There are other crowd behaviour fines for Red Star Belgrade, Dinamo Zagreb, Mechelen and Anderlecht. Player suspensions are spread among Rui Bibeiro (Sporting Lisbon; five matches), Marcel Dib (Monaco; four), Andrzej Shalimo (Minsk), McCoist (Rangers), Keshi (Anderlecht), Virdis (Milan) and Szaban (Dunajska Streda) all three matches each; Manfredonia (Roma), Obermayer (FK Austria) and Ugras (Grasshoppers) all two matches each.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

ACTION: Platini's managerial debut ends in defeat but at least France turn on a spirited performance before losing 3-2 to Yugoslavia in their Belgrade World Cup tie.

AUSTRIA: Tirol go top after a thrilling 4-3 away win over previous joint leaders Admira Wacker.

EAST GERMANY: Champions Dynamo Berlin drop another home point, this time held 1-1 by Carl Zeiss Jena. Dynamo are now seven points adrift of leaders Dresden, who beat Wismut Aue 2-0.

RUMANIA: With 13 rounds of the championship completed Dinamo and Steaua still have maximum points. Dinamo maintain their goal difference lead by shooting seven past Tirgu Mures while Steaua are winning 'only' 5-1 away to Universitatea Craiova.

SOVIET UNION: Kiev, outgoing champions, win their last game of the season by 2-1 against relegation-bound Nefchi Baku. Kiev finish three points behind new champions Dnepr.

SPAIN: Real Madrid stay top by defeating Logrones 1-0 away thanks to a goal from Hugo Sanchez, created by Emilio Butragueno.

SWEDEN: Martin Dahlin hits four goals as Malmo thrash Djurgarden 7-3 in the second leg of the title play-off. Malmo take the title 7-3 on aggregate.

WEST GERMANY: New setback for poor old promoted Stuttgart Kickers, who are beaten 5-1 by Koln. New signing Uwe Rahn scores three . . . Eintracht Frankfurt remain third from bottom — only Hannover and Stuttgart Kickers are beneath them after Frankfurt's goalless draw at home to champions Werder Bremen . . . hooligan elements interrupt Karlsruhe's 3-1 win over Borussia Monchengladbach as Borussia's Christian Hochststter is helped off after being hit in the eye by an object thrown from the crowd

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

ARGENTINA: High-riding Boca Juniors suffer a record 6-1 home defeat at the hands of provincial San Martin from Tucuman. They thus drop back to third in the table with Racing now leading by two points from Deportivo Espanol.

BELGIUM: Leaders Mechelen lose surprisingly by 3-0 away to Waregem but are still two points clear. Pursuers Anderlecht are held 2-2 away to Standard Liege while Liege move up into joint second place on points thanks to a 3-1 victory away to RWDM. Cercle win the Brugge derby beating Club 3-1.

BRAZIL: Goalkeeper Gilmar saves three penalties in the shoot-out as Sao Paulo win 2-1 away to Vitoria (after a 2-2 draw) and take over top place in the group A of the first round of the national championship . . . in Rio, Romerito scores both goals fro Fluminense in their 2-2 draw with Atletico Mineiro. But despite Romerito's brilliance Flu then lose 6-5 on penalties.

BULGARIA: CFKA beat Lokomotiv Sofia 4-2 and lead Etar and Trakia by five points. Vitosha can only draw (2-2) away to Lokomotiv Plovdiv.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: There is no stopping Sparta, who thrash Dukla Banska Bystrica 9-1 and hold a five-point top-of-the-table lead over Banik Ostrava and Slavia Praha.

GREECE: PAOK draw 0-0 away to Salonika derby rivals Aris but stay top of the table despite having a Mike Small 'goal' disallowed. Crisis-hit Olympiakos win 3-0 against Ethnikos thanks to goals from Ilias Savidis, Tassos Mitropulos and Lajos Detari.

ITALY: Two sensational results — champions Milan are beaten 2-1 at home by Atalanta while Napoli win by a remarkable 5-3 away to Juventus in Turin. Careca scores a hat-trick for Napoli. Inter stay top thanks to a 2-1 victory away to Como. Ramon Diaz and Aldo Serena score Inter's goals.

PORTUGAL: Sporting, having spent heavily in the search for their first league title in six years, narrow the gap on leaders Benfica when they beat Portimonense 1-0. The winner is scored by Jorge Placido, just returned to Portugal on loan from Racing Paris . . . Artur Jorge's first official match back in charge of Porto is disappointing as the champions are held goalless away to fifth-placed Beira-Mar.

SPAIN: England's Gary Lineker scores his first league goal of the season as Barcelona win 2-1 away to Oviedo to sit just two points behind leaders Real Madrid. Injury-hit Bilbao collect their first point in six matches thanks to a 1-1 draw at home to Betis. Atletico Madrid are held goalless at home by Gijon. The nearest league top scorer Baltazar comes to a goal this time is a shot which hits a post.

SWITZERLAND: Grasshoppers regain the league leadership thanks to a 1-0 win over Sion. Substitute Alain Sutter grabs the late winner. Luzern slip from the top after a goalless draw against Lausanne. Servette are pulled back to a 2-2 draw against Wettingen after two early goals from West German veteran Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

TURKEY: No change at the top. The top four — Fenerbahce, Besiktas, Ankaragucu and Sariyer — all win. Gordon Milne's Fenerbahce are three points ahead of Besiktas and Ankaragucu but Besiktas have two games in hand.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

FRANCE: National boss Michel Platini returns home with his squad not too depressed about the Belgrade World Cup defeat. He says: "We always knew it would be tough. But I still don't believe our chances of qualifying are ruined. It's now between us and Scotland as to who goes to Italy with Yugoslavia."

HOLLAND: The KNVB announce the introduction from next season of a limited membership card scheme. PSV, Ajax, Feyenoord, Utrecht and second division Den Haag will be ordered to restrict away match tickets only to fans holding special identity cards. KNVB safety officer Rob de Bakker says: "This measure is aimed at specific trouble groups and we know very well who these people are."

ICELAND: Footballer of the Year, defender Gunde Bergsson, begins a two-week trial with Tottenham.

SPAIN: Soviet goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev is mobbed at Seville airport as he arrives to complete his transfer to Sevilla from Moscow Spartak. Dasayev will apparently be paid £800 a month under the terms of the transfer, plus bonuses . . . speculation erupts in Barcelona that Gary Lineker could shortly be sold back to Britain. Coach Johan Cruyff has apparently offered Lineker to Manchester United. But Tottenham

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JOSEF CHOVANEC... Czech star joining PSV.

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and Rangers would be in the bidding if talk of a move proved serious.

SWEDEN: IFK Gothenburg confirm that talks for the sale of Norway's goal-keeper Erik Thorstvedt to Tottenham have reached an advanced stage. The sticking point is the fee. IFK want at least £500,000 to compensate them for losing Thorstvedt while still in the European Champions' Cup.

TANZANIA: The government bans all sports organisation tours abroad for two years in response to the Taifa Stars' poor showing in the East and Central African Club Cup.

WEST GERMANY: Top striker Jurgen Klinsmann, the subject of transfer speculation, attacks the system. He says: "Transfer fees are fundamentally wrong and an attack on an individual's free choice of workplace — it's an objectionable trade in human beings."

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

ACTION: Stuttgart beat Groningen 3-1 in a UEFA Cup third round first leg. The match is temporarily interrupted because of hooligans throwing missiles onto the pitch . . . a touring Denmark national team beat Bahia 1-0 in Salvador, Brazil.

FRANCE: Paris mayor Jacques Chirac announces plans for a new stadium seating between 80,000 and 100,000 as part of the city's support for the French World Cup bid and also as a foundation for an Olympic Games bid.

SPAIN: Espanol sign forward Adrian Heath from Everton . . . Rinat Dasayev plays one half for each side in the first of the three matches between Sevilla and Moscow Spartak arranged as part of his transfer deal. A 30,000 crowd sees Sevilla win 2-1.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA's telephone system is jammed by a mixture of angry, abusive and obscene calls from Turkey protesting at the decision to make Galatasaray replay their Champions' Cup second leg match against Xamax Neuchatel. Turkish newspapers had published the UEFA telephone, telex and fax numbers and urged readers to make their views known — a dangerous precedent which might backfire on the newspapers concerned when they apply for accreditation for European championship and cup finals.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

ACTION: The pick of the UEFA Cup third round first leg results is Internazionale's 2-0 victory over Bayern in Munich. Serena and Berti score the all-important goals in the second half . . . in an international friendly, Rumania beat Israel 3-0 in Sibiu.

SWITZERLAND: The first round group draw is made for the World Youth Cup in Saudi Arabia in February. It is — Group A (Riyadh): Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Czechoslovakia, Portugal. Group B (Dammam): Costa Rica, Colombia, Soviet Union, Asia/Ocenia qualifier. Group C (Jeddah): Brazil, East Germany, Mali, United States. Group D (Taif): Norway, Iraq, Argentina, Spainn. Saudi Arabia play Nigeria in the opening match on February 16.

WEST GERMANY: Joseph Wolf quits as president of struggling Eintracht Frankfurt eight days after taking over because of controversy concerning his financial connections with club and player promotional activities.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

FRANCE: The federation agree to play the Irish Republic in a friendly early in the new year as part of their preparation for the vital World Cup qualifier against Scotland on March 8.

GREECE: The Greek government formally begins proceedings to try to extradite runaway banker and Olympiakos president George Koskotas from the United States. In another, related, move diamonds magnate Argyris Saliarelis — Olympiakos' interim president — is charged with helping Koskotas flee Greece. Koskotas flew by private jet to Brazil and then Jamaica before reaching Boston.

NEW ZEALAND: Kiwi national team coach Kevin Fallon quits less than a month before the start of the World Cup qualifying series in the Oceania region. Fallon blames the NZFA's decision not to pay the players for appearing in matches in the first two rounds. FSA chairman Warwick Gendall says: "Payment will be made if, at the end of the day, we make a profit on those games."

YUGOSLAVIA: The federation decide to stage the World Cup tie against Cyprus at a provincial venue, probably Rijeka, because of the disappointing level of support for the Belgrade tie against France.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

ACTION: In Rio de Janeiro, Vasco da Gama beat a touring Danish national team 1-0 with an 81st-minute goal from Ze do Carmo. The margin would have been greater but for some fine saves from Denmark goalkeeper Schmeichel.

ARGENTINA: Luis Islas, controversial Independiente international goalkeeper, says he is negotiating a transfer to a "top-level English club." . . . the Argentine federation concludes an agreement to use Roma's Trigoria training camp as their base during the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Midfielder or sweeper Frantisek Chovanec signs a three-year contract with European champions PSV Eindhoven. Chovanec has played all his career with Sparta Praha, apart from a spell with Rude Hvezda Cheb while he was on national service.

ITALY: Ruud Gullit suffers a new thigh muscle strain in training and must miss Milan's weekend match against Napoli.

SPAIN: The league committee suspend controversial Atletico Madrid president Jesus Gil for three months — which means he cannot attend and thus vote at any of their meetings — because of his outspoken criticism of both the league and several other clubs. Meanwhile Gil warns that coach Ron Atkinson "will go back to London the same way he came" if results do not pick up again quickly.

SWEDEN: Malmo's title-winning hero, centre-forward Martin Dahlin, flies to Florence for a trial with Fiorentina, whose coach is fellow Swede Sven-Goran Eriksson.

WEST GERMANY: Another hat-trick for Frank Neubarth as Werder Bremen beat Karlsruhe 3-1. Unusually all Neubarth's goals are headers — recalling the speciality of the 1970s Swedish star, Ralf Edstrom.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

ACTION: Australia's Socceroos have a nasty shock as they begin their World Cup qualifying campaign by losing 1-0 away to Fiji in Suva. Ravuame Madigi scores the only goal in the 65th minute. Aussie manager Frank Arok says: "This was the worst upset of my six years in this job. We were rubbish." Fiji coach Billy Singh says: "The Australians were overconfident. We might not have much money but we have plenty of dedication."

FRANCE: Paris Saint-Germain underline their right to league leadership with a 1-0 victory away to Bordeaux thanks to a goal from new national team star Christian Perez.

ITALY: Luca di Montezemolo head of Italy's World Cup organising operation, says there is unprecedented interest from the United States and Japan — both as regards match tickets and television rights. Montezemolo says that 168 TV networks from 120 countries will transmit World Cup finals matches for an estimated worldwide audience of 16 billion . . . Internazionale report that ticket sales for the UEFA Cup return against Bayern Munich will gross a record of more than £1million . . . the December 22 friendly between Italy and Scotland is switched from Taranto to Perugia. Taranto will now stage Italy's February 21 friendly against Denmark . . . Luciano Nizzola says the major clubs may only expect to see further change in player import regulations after Common Market labour laws are standardised in 1992. Juventus had suggested that the limit be increased from three to four players at the start of next season . . . Bologna name Chile's Hugo Rubio, out injured for three months, as substitute for the weekend match against unbeaten Lazio.

SPAIN: Real Madrid need a last-minute goal-line clearance to save them from defeat after a dramatic 3-3 home draw with Bilbao. Howard Kendall's men hit back to equalise each time Real go ahead — starting in the first minute with a Michel volley.

WEST GERMANY: A spectacular overhead volley by Jurgen Wegmann brings Bayern Munich a 1-0 victory over Nurnberg and maintains their league lead of five points. St Pauli's 11-match unbeaten run is ended by a 1-0 defeat at the hands of Koln. Struggling Frankfurt crash back to the bottom of the table after a 6-0 thrashing by Borussia Dortmund, for whom Gunter Breitzke scores a hat-trick.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

ARGENTINA: Hooligan violence forces FIFA referee Abel Gnecco to abandon the championship match between local rivals Newell's Old Boys and Rosario Central in Rosario. Sixty people, including 12 policemen, are hurt when missile throwing and fighting breaks out after only 22 minutes. Rivalry between the clubs' fans had been exacerbated recently when Rosario fans publicly celebrated Newell's defeat by Nacional of Uruguay in the South American club cup final.

BELGIUM: No change at top or bottom. Mechelen (27 points), Anderlecht (25) and Liege (25) all win in the title race and Cercle, Racing Mechelen and Genk (all ten points) all lose in the relegation stakes.

ENGLAND: Sports Minister Colin Moynihan says that legislation will be introduced so that convicted soccer hooligans can be banned from travelling abroad when international matches are taking place.

GREECE: PAOK stay top by beating Ethnikos 5-1. Olympiakos move up into fourth place by beating Levadiakos 3-1 in Piraeus.

HOLLAND: PSV suffer their third defeat of the season, losing 1-0 to Fortuna Sittard. John Clayton scores the decisive goal after only

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five minutes. Ajax move up from fifth place to third thanks to a 2-0 home win over Volendam. Teenagers Dennis Bergkamp and Ronald De Boer score the goals.

ITALY: Napoli seized thrilling revenge for being upstaged on last season's title run-in as they beat injury-weakened champions Milan 4-1. Diego Maradona heads one remarkable goal and Careca scores two more to establish himself as the season's leading scorer with seven goals. Alexander Zavarov is sent off for retaliation in the 88th minute of Juventus' 1-0 home win over Lecce. But he will not be punished by the club. President Giampiero Boniperti says: "We can't fine him — he doesn't earn enough."

PORTUGAL: Benfica have to wait until the 85th minute for the Pacheco penalty which brings them a 2-1 home win over Chaves and keeps them top of the table. Porto record their first win under the returned Artur Jorge — a Gomes penalty beating Braga. But Sporting drop back after being held 2-2 away to Vitoria Setubal.

SPAIN: Barcelona move to within one point of leaders Real Madrid — Gary Lineker stoking up the internal flames by scoring two typical opportunist goals in a 3-1 home win over Murcia. In the all-British duel, John Toshack's Real Sociedad lose 2-1 at home to Ron Atkinson's Atletico Madrid. Baltazar scores both Atletico goals.

SWITZERLAND: UEFA's appeals panel quashes the earlier decision to order a replay of the Champions' Cup second round second leg between Galatasaray and Xamax Neuchatel. Instead the Turkish victory will stand but Galatasaray must play their next two home European matches at least 300km from Istanbul. Back in Istanbul thousands of delighted Turkish fans take to the streets in their cars to celebrate while state President Evren describes the decision as an example "that justice will prevail." Xamax officials are furious — "a scandalous decision," says Xamax coach Gilbert Gress, "which puts the entire existence of the European Cup into question" — while neutrals worry about the consequences of the decision being taken so soon after the unorthodox pressure exerted by protesting Turks at UEFA HQ . . . in the Swiss league, Luzern return to top spot — winning 1-0 away to Servette while Grasshoppers fall back after being held 2-2 at home by Bellinzona.

URUGUAY: Danubio clinch the championship with a 1-0 win over Progreso. Danubio thus secure an eight-point, unbeatable, lead over Huracan and Defensor, who are joint second.

YUGOSLAVIA: Vojvodina beat Radnicki only 1-0 but it is enough to keep them two points clear of Hajduk and Dinamo Zagreb at the top of the table.

KLAUS AUGENTHALER... top of the table with Bayern.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

ARGENTINA: FIFA president Joao Havelange sends political shock waves through France and Switzerland when he is quoted in the Buenos Aires newspaper Cronista Commercial as saying: "I believe the 1998 World Cup should be held in Asia." . . . Diego Maradona, on a brief trip home, says that when his contract with Napoli expires in 1993 he will "take the first plane home and finish my career with Boca Juniors."

BELGIUM: The Belgian federation announce that the Heysel stadium is to be demolished at the end of next year. Plans are ready to go to the Brussels city council for permission to build a new stadium on the tragic site. Even the Heysel name would go. The proposed name for the new ground would be the King Baudouin Stadium.

DENMARK: Herfolge midfielder Carsten Jensen begins a week's trial with Southampton.

JORDAN: King Hussein presents a special award to visiting Michel Platini for his efforts to rehabilitate drug addicts through his French charity foundation.

SPAIN: Spanish newspapers speculate that John Toshack may be the next coach of Real Madrid when Leo Beenhakker is promoted at the end of the season to general manager in succession to retirement-bound Luis Molowny . . . Manuel Lopez, goalkeeper of second division Ceuta, sets what is believed to be a world record when he keeps a clean sheet against Jatvia. That extends his unbeaten record to 1,170 minutes. The previous world record is generally accorded as having been held by Italy's Dino Zoff, who was unbeaten for 1,142 minutes in internationals from 1972 to 1974.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

ACTION: Turkey beat East Germany 3-2 in a European under-21 tie.

BRAZIL: Veteran World Cup hero Socrates returns to the game, playing for Santos. He inspires a 4-2 victory over Cerro of Uruguay in a friendly in front of an 8,000 crowd. Socrates, now 35, makes one goal, scores one and hits the post. Socrates, who retired just over a year earlier, returned to soccer after domestic problems.

ITALY: Brazilian star Careca says negotiations have already opened to extend his contract at Napoli beyond the end of this season.

WEST GERMANY: Werder Bremen beat Borussia Dortmund 2-0 (yet another goal for Frank Neubarth) in a first division match while Stuttgart beat Bochum 3-2 in the cup.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ACTION: Tanju Colak is again Turkey's man of the moment as he scores twice in the 3-1 World Cup defeat of East Germany in Istanbul. Turkey move up to second in the group three table behind the Soviet Union.

SPAIN: Real Madrid have Gallego and Hugo Sanchez sent off as they are held 1-1 in Sevilla. Paco Llorente scores Madrid's goal in the tenth minute, shooting past Rinat Dasayev, who is making his league debut in Sevilla's goal after his move from Moscow Spartak. Sevilla equalise in the 38th minute through Toni Polster. Apart from the expulsions Madrid have three players booked to four from Sevilla. Atletico Madrid thrash Betis 6-2 with Baltazar scoring a hat-trick.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA officials announce that the schedule of dates for venues for the 1990 World Cup finals has been confirmed. General secretary Sepp Blatter reports FIFA as satisfied with progress on putting a roof on the Olympic stadium in Rome, which will stage the Final, as well as progress on building a new 67,000 capacity stadium in Turin. The opening match will be held in Milan on June 8, 1990.

WEST GERMANY: Eintracht Frankfurt elect their third president of the season. He is currency dealer Matthias Ohms.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

SPAIN: Barcelona go joint top of the first division, level on points with Real Madrid, thanks to a 3-0 away win over Celta in Vigo.

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PEREZ THE HERO

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

FRANCE: Christian Perez is again Paris Saint-Germain's hero, scoring the decisive goal in the leaders' 1-0 win over Cannes. Paris SG remain one point ahead of Auxerre, who struggle to beat Lens 1-0.

SPAIN: Real Madrid are caught up in another stormy night, this time in beating Atletico 2-1 in a game which sees three players sent off — including Atletico skipper Paulo Futre — and Madrid keeper Buyo amazingly fortunate not to join them. Rafael Martin Vazquez scores Real's injury-time winner.

WEST GERMANY: Bayern Munich go into the winter break with a three-point lead over champions Werder Bremen — even though Bayern are held goalless by Bochum.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

ARGENTINA: The league programme is postponed at the last minute because of the domestic political crisis provoked by a rebellion among some army officers.

BRAZIL: Sao Paulo (despite a 1-0 home defeat by Portuguesa) and Vasco da Gama (4-3 shoot-out winners over Corinthians after a goalless draw) lead groups A and B respectively in the continuing national chamnpionship.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: In the top-of-the-table duel Sparta are held goalless at home by Banik Ostrava — but still lead their title rivals by three points.

HOLLAND: Dennis Bergkamp scores his eighth goal in seven games as Ajax continue their revival with a 1-0 away win over Haarlem. Ajax have climbed ten places in seven weeks and are now only three points behind champions and leaders PSV Eindhoven — who did not have a game as they were on their way to Tokyo for the world club championship tie against Nacional of Uruguay.

HUNGARY: MTK/VM beat champions Honved 3-0 to maintain a four-point lead over second-placed Ferencvaros. Honved remain third, albeit seven points behind MTK.

ITALY: Roma, beaten at home the previous week by Torino, rescue veteran coach Nils Liedholm from a major showdown with president Dino Viola as they win 2-0 away to title contenders Sampdoria.

SPAIN: Barcelona stay up alongside Real Madrid thanks to a 2-1 win over surprise packet Logrones. Third-placed Sevilla draw 0-0 with Zaragoza and escape defeat only thanks to two brilliant saves from Dasayev in the 20th and 71st minutes.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

ACTION: In the Asian Cup in Qatar the hosts beat the United Arab Emirates 2-1 in group A thanks to goals from Mansour Muftah and Mahmoud Soofi. In group B Saudi Arabia are held goalless by Kuwait.

SOVIET UNION: Sergei Baltacha, Kiev Dynamo central defender, is expected to sign imminently for Ipswich, whose manager John Duncan and director David Sheepshank are in Moscow negotiating with officials of Sovintersport.

SPAIN: The players' union decides to support the general strike called for December 14 in protest at the government's economic policy.

SWITZERLAND: FIFA announces that the Northern Ireland FA has been fined £2,000 for crowd trouble at the World Cup qualifier against the Irish Republic back in September. Fans had thrown bottles onto the pitch.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

ACTION: Again in the Asian Cup, in Qatar, 1986 World Cup finalists South Korea beat Japan 2-0 with goals from Hwang Seon-hong and Kim Joo-sung. In a group B match China beat Bahrain 1-0 with a late goal from Hang Xiaowen . . . in a UEFA Cup third round second leg tie, Stuttgart beat Groningen 2-0 with both goals coming from Jurgen Klinsmann.

ARGENTINA: Racing Club lose 4-3 on a penalty shoot-out to Rosario Central after a goalless draw but remain three points clear of Deportivo Espanol. Boca Juniors (6-5 shoot-out winners over FC Oeste) are one further point back in third place.

ITALY: Internazionale's Andy Brehme is confident about the outcome of the UEFA Cup return against his former club, Bayern Munich. Inter lead 2-0 from the first leg in West Germany and Brehme says: "Only madmen could throw away an advantage like that and this Inter side are not a load of idiots."

SOVIET UNION: The official news agency, Tass, says that Sergei Baltacha has signed for Ipswich in a £150,000 deal. It is not clear whether Ipswich are to pursue an earlier reported interest in Baltacha's club and national team-mate, Vladimir Besonov. Ipswich manager John Duncan says: "Although he speaks only a little German besides Russian, he seems quick-witted. He thinks he can quickly pick up enough English to see him through."

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

ACTION: Bayern Munich stage one of their finest-ever comebacks to beat Internazionale 3-1 in Milan and thus reach the UEFA Cup quarter-finals on the away goals rule (3-3 aggregate). Bayern's three goals all come within a six-minute spell in the first half — significantly, perhaps, after their old star Andy Brehme is forced by injury to abandon his new Inter team-mates after only 25 minutes. Among the other UEFA Cup ties Real Sociedad provide a late revival of their own to eliminate Koln and Roma are upset 2-0 at home by Dresden. Hearts run a gauntlet of more Yugoslav crowd misbehaviour on their way to overall victory over Velez Mostar (Hearts lose 2-1 but win the tie 4-2 on aggregate).

ITALY: Roberto Baggio, rising young star of Fiorentina, agrees a contract extension until 1991. The 21-year-old who recently made his national team debut against Norway, will be on £250,000-a-year.

JAPAN: Nacional of Uruguay arrive in Tokyo for the World Club Cup final against PSV Eindhoven. Nacional coach Roberto Fleitas says: "I know that PSV are a top-level team although I don't think they have too many star individuals. Rather, I consider their strength lies in their teamwork."

SOVIET UNION: Ipswich's bid to sign Kiev's Sergei Baltacha is temporarily delayed to iron out minor snags . . . the federation announce that Lokomotiv Moscow will visit the United States for two weeks from the end of January to play a series of friendly matches against MISL indoor teams.

SPAIN: The Spanish federation acts quickly to crack down on the violence of the Madrid derby. Atletico's Paulo Futre is banned for three games and fined £1,000 for insulting a linesman and Real's Miguel Tendillo is suspended for one game for violent conduct. Atletico's Antonio Orejuela — sent off by the match referee, Martin Navarrete — is exonerated of all blame in an incident involving Real keeper Paco Buyo — who is suspended himself for one game pending a full inquiry into a violent and controversial performance. Six other players (two from Real, four from Atletico) are also fined.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

ACTION: On the opening day of the Merdeka Cup in Kuala Lumpur, the Soviet Union beat Thailand 4-1 while hosts Malaysia are held goalless by Indonesia.

EAST GERMANY: National manager Bernd Stange is dismissed following the disappointment of the 3-1 World Cup defeat in Turkey. Manfred Zapf, formerly 16 times an international defender from Magdeburg between 1969 and 1975, is appointed instead. Stange had been in charge for five years.

SOVIET UNION: Ipswich manager John Duncan confirms that Sergei Baltacha will definitely be joining the second division club but denies that Vladimir Besonov will be coming as well.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

ACTION: Disappointment for hosts Qatar in the Asian Cup as they lose 3-2 to South Korea in a group A match. The South Koreans are thus sure of a place in the semi-finals. In group B Saudi Arabia are held again, this time 1-1 by fast-improving Bahrain . . . in the Merdeka Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore beat Oman 3-while West German favourites Hamburg beat Austria's Tirol (coached by former Hamburg boss, Ernst Happel) by 2-1. Jan Furtok and Sascha Jusufi score for Hamburg, Christoph Westerhaler for Tirol.

BELGIUM: Prosecution lawyers in the Heysel stadium trial estimate that a verdict in February or early March is possible now that most of the evidence from Belgian witnesses has been heard. This might suit UEFA, whose executive committee is due to discuss, in April, the readmission of English clubs to European competition.

LUXEMBOURG: All Luxembourg's internationals in 1989 will have to be switched away from the Luxembourg city stadium because of renovation work. World Cup-ties against Belgium and Portugal might even be switched out of the Grand Duchy to Maastricht (in Holland) or Metz and Lille (in France).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

FRANCE: Paris SG are held 1-1 at Nantes but manage to increase their lead to two points because pursuers Auxerre lose 2-1 at Metz. Monaco (Hoddle and Hateley) beat Caen (Rix and the convalescing Stein) 2-1.

WEST GERMANY: Werder Bremen need extra time to beat Fortuna Koln 3-1 in the cup and Stuttgart are similarly embarrassed before beating Saarbrucken 2-0. Borussia Dortmund win the Ruhr cup derby by winning 3-2 at Schalke while Bayer Leverkusen show a timely return to form for under-pressure manager Rinus Michels, thumping Waldhof Mannheim 5-2.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

ACTION: Nacional of Uruguay win the World Club Cup by defeating PSV Eindhoven 7-6 on penalties after a 2-2 extra time draw in Tokyo. The score was 1-1 after 90 minutes . . . in the World Cup qualifiers, Yugoslavia easily beat Cyprus 4-0 but Hungary struggle for a 2-2 draw away to Malta. In the Oceania zone New Zealand beat Taiwan 4-0 in Wellington.

SPAIN: Real Madrid recover from a violent two weeks to win 2-0 away to Cadiz and re-establish a two-point lead at the top over Barcelona, who are surprisingly beaten 3-2 in Bilbao.

BACK COVER

ENGLAND face the camera in Riyadh in November for this month's back cover: (back row, left to right) Tony Cottee, Stuart Pearce, Chris Waddle, Mel Sterland, Alan Smith, Tony Dorigo, David Rocastle, Brian Marwood. Middle Row: Fred Street (Physio), Gary Pallister, Dave Seaman, Mike Kelly (Goalkeeping coach), Dave Beasant, Tony Adams, Dr John Crane, Don Howe (coach). Front Row: Peter Beardsley, Paul Parker, Bryan Robson, Bobby Robson (manager), Gary Lineker, Michael Thomas, Paul Gascoigne.

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top marks for diplomacy by describing his players as "a team of 11 heroes," but refusing to be drawn into verbal warfare.

Madrid coach Leo Beenhakker was "muy contento" with victory and took issue with a journalist suggesting it was again a case of "lucky Madrid."

Beenhakker said: "A team can be lucky in one or two games. But people have been writing and saying these things about us for so long I think you have to say that good teams also earn their luck."

The federation was commendably quick to act. A disciplinary commission meeting the following Wednesday sat through a horror movie video of the match.

Buyo was suspended for one game pending a further disciplinary hearing which could hand out a much longer suspension.

Futre was suspended for three games and fined £1,000 for his overtime expulsion; there was a one-match ban for Tendillo; but Orejuela was exonerated of any blame in the incident with Buyo.

As the cameras showed, viewing the incident from a much better perspective than the referee, Orejuela had not struck Buyo at all.

Then there were fines for all those players booked plus Baltazar, ranging from £100 (Martin Vazquez and Gallego) to £30 for most of the rest.

But if Barcelona were hoping that all the controversy would further unsettle Real's title ambitions, they were wrong.

The following weekend Real won 2-0 away to Cadiz while Barcelona slipped to a 3-2 defeat away to Howard Kendall's Athletic Bilbao.

Not even the rejuvenated Gary Lineker could save Barcelona from sliding two points adrift of Madrid.

Interesting that the controversy over a possible Lineker transfer back to England had cooled — further bearing out suspicions that coach Johan Cruyff had manufactured the whole thing to goad Lineker back into form.

Elsewhere in the league, Sevilla have been celebrating the arrival, at last, of Soviet goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev.

He played one half of a 'transfer friendly' in the Estadio Sanchez Pizjuan for his old club, Moscow Spartak, and then the second half for Sevilla.

The feeling persists, however, that Sevilla need a goalscorer more than a new goalkeeper if they are to maintain their challenge for one of the UEFA Cup places.

Finally, what's in a Nayim? That's the official 'nom de guerre' of the midfielder Tottenham have signed from Barcelona.

His 'real' name is Mohamed Ali Amar and, contrary to most British reports, he is Spanish not Moroccan.

Nayim was born on November 5, 1966 in Ceuta, which is a Spanish enclave on the north coast of Morocco (a sort of Spanish Gibraltar in diplomatic terms).

Just to emphasise his Spanish background he played as a teenager for Spain's youth team.

PIRAEUS RECOVER

GREECE from Lou Economopoulos

WITH its president and successor both locked up in jail, Olympiakos Piraeus are slowly picking up the pieces on the pitch as they stay within breathing room of the top position in the Greek First Division.

Heading into December's third week of competition, Olympiakos are holding on to fourth place in the standings with 15 points, three points away from league-leading AEK Athens.

The controversy behind banking and media tycoon George Koskotas, now awaiting a hearing in the United States and who started off the season as president of Olympiakos, may bring down the socialist government which is seen behind the whole Koskotas financial scandal — the worst ever in Greece.

And it didn't help matters any when Koskotas' successor, oil tycoon Argiris Saliarelis was arrested for his part in helping Koskotas escape Greece. Saliarelis let Koskotas borrow his private jet.

But that hasn't stopped Olympiakos from recovering its lost face on the pitch where the team is bouncing back from last season's worst effort ever.

"Olympiakos may be having difficulties now, but we are building a new future together," said Olympiakos coach Jacek Gmoch of his players. "We must continue our fight for the fans and the history of this great team."

Gmoch said that the less said about the situation at Olympiakos, the better.

While Olympiakos are having problems off the pitch, another popular club, Panathinaikos Athens, is having its problems on the pitch.

Panathinaikos find themselves in the bottom half of the league table, a position they have rarely felt this late in the season. Only 12,000 fans showed up at the Athens Olympic Stadium in Panathinaikos' last outing against Aris Salonica to watch the club come away with a 1-1 deadlock. The few home fans booed the Panathinaikos players as they left the pitch, including their top star Dimitris Saravakos.

"We've become a joke. Soon we won't be able to walk in the streets. Seven years now with Panathinaikos and I've never seen a situation like the one today. If we don't get new players, I'm afraid the same situation will continue," said Panathinaikos captain fullback Costas Mavridis.

AEK, meanwhile, are having a field day on top of the table.

Last year's top scorer in the league, Henrik Nielsen, came off the bench to score twice in the second half to lift AEK to a 4-2 home victory over Apollo Athens in the second Sunday of December.

The Danish superstar sat out the first half as part of a punishment after being caught making the disco rounds at Livadia after AEK's loss there. He was also fined 600,000 drachmas.

"I am a professional. As long as I am with AEK I will do my best at all times," Nielsen said after the match. "I will follow my coach's orders always."

The two goals by Nielsen gave him five for the season, two behind the league leader, Fanis Tountziaris of Iraklis Salonica.

Another key player in AEK's success story so far has been Poland's Miroslav Okonski, who has scored six goals.

Meanwhile, PAOK Salonica is in second place and has picked up Australian National team star Charlie Yankos. "I don't know much about Greek soccer, but I believe I can help PAOK," he said upon arriving in Greece with a black eye which he said he received after a match with Fiji. The leading scorer for PAOK with four goals is 26-year-old Briton Mike Small, who for the last few seasons has played in the Dutch Second Division and began his career with Luton Town.

Sports Undersecretary Theodore Stathis has allowed Greek teams to have up to three foreigners on their teams (instead of two now allowed) as long as they come from a First Division team and are not aged more than 30, or if they are aged 23-29 must come from a lower division, and must pass a health test by the Greek Soccer Federation.

REVOLUTION IN BELGIUM

BELGIUM from IAIN MACLEOD

THERE is a quiet revolution taking place in Belgian football.

The decline of the old order, as represented by Anderlecht and Club Brugge, has left a void which now seems certain to be filled by the upstarts of Mechelen.

Mechelen's domination of the domestic scene also extends to the Recopa where, as defending champions, they took particular satisfaction from ending the challenge of Anderlecht in the second round.

The all-Belgian clash was their third meeting in as many weeks.

Mechelen triumphed at home (1-0) and away (2-0) in the European tie and, in the top-of-the-table clash at Parc Astrid, emerged with a goalless draw to consolidate their lead.

Mechelen have, in fact, emphasised throughout the autumn campaign that last season's success was no fluke.

They are well-placed in Europe and remain unbeaten in the league, having won 11 and drawn three of their first 14 matches.

Moreover, the goalless draw against Anderlecht occurred on a day when champions Brugge faltered for the third time this season.

Waregem were the visitors, and the victors, taking both points in a five-goal thriller where two strikes by Christiaens proved decisive.

That was Club's third defeat in four matches, having previously lost on successive weeks to main rivals Anderlecht and Mechelen, a single goal being sufficient on each occasion; Gudjohnsson at Parc Astrid and Erwin Koeman at Olympiapark.

Brugge's problems have been evident for some time. Six points in arrears in the title race left morale sagging and the club's hopes of a revival increasingly dependent on a good run in the European Cup.

The manner by which they had disposed of Brondby in the first round — away goals — did not augur well but, having prised a single goal win at home to Monaco in the second round, even Brugge were unprepared for the forthcoming disaster.

Any inferiority complex in recent years in Franco-Belgian clashes certainly did not exist on the side of the latter — but times have changed, and how!

Monaco simply annihilated Brugge, who had no answer to the guile of the Englishman Hoddle and the opportunism of Fofana from the Ivory Coast.

Monaco won 6-1, Hoddle created five of them and Fofana scored a hat-trick.

Contrast that with the relish with which Mechelen will recall not just the second leg win at Parc Astrid but the manner in which it was achieved; courtesy of magnificent shots from Koeman and Chana.

Mechelen's cast iron defence — which has conceded only nine goals in 14 games — continues to be a major factor in their success, together with an ability, not least at home, to snatch two points by means of a single goal.

The trait was again evident the week after the goalless draw with Anderlecht.

On this occasion, the vanquished side were Beerschot and the victory gained added significance when it transpired that, for the second time this season, Anderlecht had lost — 2-1 away to Antwerp.

That increased the gap between the two sides to three points, a feature which remained unchanged the following week as Mechelen beat Antwerp 2-1 and Anderlecht beat Waregem 2-0.

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ENGLAND by DERICK ALLSOP

AT the midway stage of the English First Division Championship, it seems the presence of Norwich City is being taken seriously after all.

Those pleasant chaps from East Anglia, the ones who play in yellow and green, always did have nice, neat footballing teams. Every now and then they'd put together a good run and if they went down the chances were they'd soon be back up again.

But the league title, a serious challenge, that is something else. When you are talking about champions in the making you are talking about Liverpool or Everton or perhaps one or two of the other big clubs.

Rare

Yet in this season when Liverpool have struggled for consistency and the capital's best bet Arsenal have still been vulnerable, the unlikely lads have sensed a rare opportunity.

Southampton and Millwall have muscled in, while Coventry City have consolidated and proved that FA Cup success of a couple of seasons ago was no fluke.

The most menacing uprising, however, has been in Norfolk, where those chaps in yellow and green have produced form good enough not only to top the table, but also to convince the television bosses they are ripe for one of their live presentations.

After the inevitable glut of matches involving the traditional telestars, Norwich versus West Ham United was plucked out of the Boxing Day programme to be served up as a holiday treat on the box the following day.

The decision threw the pools companies, who had compiled their list for December 26 expecting ITV to go for the obvious. Manchester United versus Nottingham Forest looked a natural, or perhaps Derby County versus Liverpool?

No, it was Norwich, so while there were unnecessary 'voids' around, the Pools Panel was summoned to give the result of a match to be played the following day!

If Norwich's fortunes complicated the issue for the pools people, there was nothing complicated about their football. They believe in the simple things, and generally that conviction has paid divdends.

Megastars aren't too thick on the ground at Carrow Road. Dave Stringer and his assistant Dave Williams concentrate on teamwork.

Every Norwich player looks comfortable on the ball because he knows he has someone in support, available to take the simple pass.

That combination of composure and hard work enabled Norwich to build a six-point lead. Their away results were particularly impressive. Their first six trips brought them five wins and a draw.

The happy wanderers eventually came unstuck at Aston Villa. Despite Trevor Putney's equaliser just before half time, Graham Taylor's side went on to beat Norwich 3-1.

That defeat left the door open to Arsenal, who played Liverpool in a more familiar television production at Highbury the following day. Victory would have lifted George Graham's charges above Norwich on goal difference.

Instead they were hard pressed to salvage a point from a match bristling with invention and incident. England's John Barnes, back from injury, gave Liverpool a deserved lead, but Arsenal recovered admirably and Alan Smith forced in the 100th League goal of his career to square it at 1-1.

Graham's interval lecture had not fallen on deaf ears. He revealed: "I expect a bit more passion, especially as we had the chance to go to the top of the league. We were poor and I asked them to play a little bit better."

It was a weekend for centurians. Everton's £2m striker Tony Cottee completed his league hundred with a splendidly executed goal against Tottenham Hotspur at Goodison Park, which was enough to decide the match.

It was also a weekend when the jitters affected most of the clubs heading the Championship race. Third club Millwall lost 1-0 at home to a revitalised West Ham.

The goal was scored by Paul Ince, who three days earlier had been on target twice in his side's remarkable 4-1 Littlewoods Cup drubbing of Liverpool. It was the heaviest English Cup defeat suffered by the Anfield club since 1939.

All this after Liverpool had beaten Arsenal 2-1 at the third attempt with a display manager Kenny Dalglish reckoned was as good as anything he'd seen from the side.

West Ham's advance to the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup provided some desperately needed relief from the toil for points and First Division survival.

The win at Millwall was only their third in the league and took them two points clear of bottom club Newcastle, who drew 0-0 at Luton.

Wimbledon stayed a point ahead of West Ham thanks to a 2-1 home victory against Southampton, while fourth-from-bottom Charlton were Manchester United's first victims in more than two months.

Spurs' defeat at Everton left them just a point better off than Charlton and thankful for an appeal board's verdict earlier that week.

Unsafe

A league ruling that the club should be deducted two points — after their ground was declared unsafe and their opening game of the season postponed — was overturned. Spurs got back their points and were fined £15,000 instead.

Relieved Spurs manager Terry Venables said: "We are delighted. I believe we have got back what was rightfully ours in the first place. Hopefully this can be the turning point for us.'

Liverpool, meanwhile, were given back their Danish international Jan Molby. He was released from jail after serving half of a three month sentence for reckless driving.

He was two stones lighter and suitably crestfallen when he appeared at a press conference at Anfield. He thanked Liverpool for accepting him back and declared his intention of regaining his 'self respect before the eyes of thousands of fans'.

Reading a prepared statement, he went on: "My ambition is twofold. Firstly to remain at Liverpool and secure a first team place, and secondly to represent my country again at international level."

Forty-eight hours after regaining his freedom, Molby was beginning his quest to regain a first team place with an outing for the A team at the club's training ground.

Newcastle are hoping they can start again in the hands of new manager Jim Smith, released by Queen's Park Rangers in return for considerable compensation.

Smith, 48, said: "This is the first club I've joined where I can realistically picture myself winning the League Championship. Newcastle should always be up there with Liverpool, Manchester United and Everton.

"I must admit that before coming

IRELAND EXPECTS

NORTHERN IRELAND by NICK GIBBS

BILLY BINGHAM is presently suffering from the expectancy of the Irish people. Since taking over the reins of the national team for a second time, in February 1980, Bingham has guided Northern Ireland to two successive World Cup Finals tournaments.

The people of Ulster are almost demanding that their team appears in Italy in 1990. Previously, Irish bids for glory were a matter of hope and celebration if they qualified.

However, their recent track record during the eighties and the relative success of Eire in the 1988 European Championships (which has added a native rivalry) means Northern Ireland now expects.

It was widely accepted, and advocated by Bingham himself, that the last European Championship was nothing more than a preparatory and re-building period for Ireland. Attention now is clearly focused on one of the top two places in European Qualifying Group Six.

Northern Ireland were quietly into their stride. But a 3-0 victory over Malta in May was followed by a goalless draw at home to the Irish Republic. Then came defeat in the Nep Stadium against Hungary in October. They looked set to secure an important point but Istvan Vincze scored the only goal of the game in the 84th minute.

This month sees Bingham's squad travel to Spain for what will probably be their toughest group match. This will be the ninth encounter between the two countries and to date Northern Ireland have only ever recorded one victory.

That victory was one of the most remarkable results from the 1982 World Cup Finals. The Irish beat the host nation 1-0 in Valencia through a Gerry Armstrong goal. In addition, Bingham's side were reduced to ten men when Mal Donaghy was sent-off.

Revenge

The last time Northern Ireland and Spain met was two and a half years ago at the Mexico World Cup. Spain claimed their revenge by winning 2-1 thanks to goals by Butragueno and Salinas in the opening 20 minutes. Colin Clarke scored Ireland's consolation.

Billy Bingham, who was a player in Northern Ireland's first World Cup Finals appearance in 1958, will be realistically looking for a draw and a valuable point against a Spain side which has just come under the guidance of Luis Suarez.

On the domestic front, it has been Cup football which has been dominant with three competitions. Glentoran won the season's first trophy when they beat Larne 5-2 at Windsor Park in the Lombard & Ulster Cup. A hat-trick by Ron Manley led the way for the Belfast club.

Linfield, who had made a disappointing start to the season despite signing two African players — Kamal Abdelii of Morocco and Senegalese international Antoine Coly — from Europe, claimed their 30th TNT Gold Cup. In the final, staged at the Oval, Portadown lost out by a single goal.

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up here I wondered whether I was doing the right thing. But I knew as soon as I entered St James' Park that I was.

"It is more than possible for us to get out of trouble. Three or four years ago a miracle might have been needed in our position, but the First Division is not like that anymore. It could hardly be more open."

Smith had taken on a side seeking its first goal in seven matches. One of his first objectives was to draw the best out of the gifted but unreliable Brazilian Mirandinha.

He said: "I've seen him do excellent individual things but also things which wouldn't make me too happy with him.

"I might be the guy to get the best out of him and then we could have a fantastic player."

While Smith is willing to take on the scrap at the bottom, John Fashanu isn't. The Wimbledon striker quit as captain and insisted he wanted to leave the club.

He claimed that staying at Plough Lane was restricting his career and tarnishing his image. Fashanu, of course, was awaiting the FA's verdict on the infamous 'tunnel incident' with Manchester United's Viv Anderson.

Anderson also came under FA scrutiny after admitting in his book that he would commit a 'professional foul' to prevent a goal against his side.

The FA hierarchy, meanwhile, have re-confirmed their support of beleaguered England manager Bobby Robson and condemned the latest wave of media criticism of the manager that followed the 1-1 friendly draw in Saudi Arabia.

Robson believes the re-introduction of a B side will improve the supply of quality players to the senior ranks.

"We have to try to bridge the gap between under-21 and full international football the way that club competition in Europe used to," he said.

On the political front, Notts County director Jack Dunnett became League President and Charlton striker Garth Crooks was elected chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association.

One of Dunnett's first jobs is to consider recommendations from the games 'Think Tank', including a points-for-goals incentive.

ABRUPT END FOR CARDIFF

WALES by NICK GIBBS

CARDIFF CITY's 12th season in Europe came to an abrupt end against the Danish side Aarhus. Frank Burrows' team had an uphill task after they lost their home first leg 2-1. It was a disappointing performance as both the Danes' goals came from inadequate defensive play.

There were seven blue-shirted players in and around the City penalty area but they could not prevent Kristensen scoring in the eighth minute. Full-back Phil Bater was embarrassingly seen to have the ball put through his legs before the Aarhus forward put the ball in.

Cardiff could have clinched a draw but Rasmussen, the goalkeeper who had kept England at bay in September, made a couple of outstanding saves from Lynex and Wimbleton shots.

The "Bluebirds" only goal of the tie was a controversial one, accredited to McDermott but Rasmussen did appear to have prevented the ball from going over the goal-line with a dive to his right-hand post. Nevertheless the goal stood.

Not that it made any difference in the end. In the return leg, in Denmark, City's defence was once again outclassed as it conceded two goals in each half to go down 6-1 on aggregate.

That defeat, however, does not end Cardiff's interest in Cup football. During November they were due to compete in the English FA Cup — a trophy they won in 1927 — and begin their defence of the Welsh Cup.

Defensive suicide and wasted chances appears to be a trait of Welsh football at the moment. The national team, after their brave performance against European Champions Holland, irritated their supporters with a contrary display against Finland at the Vetch Field.

Manager Terry Yorath had made four changes to the side which included the return of Kevin Ratcliffe and Pat Van Den Hauwe. However, despite the experience in the team, Wales fell behind after eight minutes to a superbly taken free-kick by Ukkonen.

Dean Saunders, the man who went from Oxford United to Derby County because the Maxwells said so, equalised from the penalty spot in the 24th minute. An own goal by Lahtinen gave Wales what seemed to be a half-time lead until Van Den Hauwe hit a dreadful pass back which Paatelainen latched on to and beat Southall.

Wales still could have taken both points when they were awarded a second penalty. On this occasion, however, Saunders mishit his kick and the chance was lost. The match ended 2-2.

Afterwards Terry Yorath commented, "There were no crumbs of comfort from the performance because it was a game we should have won. We always seem to be better when we are up against it."

Wales's task to qualify for Italy is looking increasingly beyond them although not impossible.

They were scheduled to meet Egypt in a friendly in November but, as is the story of Welsh football, financial terms could not be agreed and so the fixture was cancelled.

One piece of good news is the appointment of Mike Smith as manager to the Welsh Under-18 side. Smith, 49, is a former national team boss and was in charge of the Under-18 side 21 years ago.

Wales's Under-18s are preparing for their European Championship Qualifying group matches with Belgium, East Germany and Yugoslavia.

PATHS CROSS AGAIN

IN February 1981 two Everton colleagues — Seamus McDonagh and Eamonn O'Keefe — crossed the Irish Sea together to make their debuts for the Republic of Ireland in a friendly against Wales.

O'Keefe later got involved in an eligibility row with FIFA and his international career was left in abeyance for three years.

McDonagh, meanwhile, went on to make the Irish goalkeeper's shirt his own and won 25 caps.

Now their paths have crossed again, with both McDonagh and O'Keefe in charge of League of Ireland clubs.

O'Keeefe is in his second season as manager of Cork City.

He was approached by Galway United to take over at Terryland Park following the resignation of John Herrick.

After giving the offer some thought, O'Keefe decided to stay with Cork, even though they could no longer afford to pay his assistant, Bill Haydock.

Consequently Galway turned to McDonagh, who was playing reserve team football for Charlton Athletic.

The much-travalled goalkeeper jumped at the chance to move into management and got off to a winning start as Galway beat O'Keefe's Cork City 2-1.

Two of the best-known Irish grounds were sold recently.

Glenmalure Park, Milltown, the home of Shamrock Rovers until May 1987, was sold by the Kilcoyne family to an un-named English-based developer.

Flower Lodge, the former home of the now defunct Cork Hibernians, was sold by the Ancient Order of Hibernians to the Cork Gaelic Athletic Association.

Cork City, the only senior club in what is the Republic's second largest city, now play at Turner's Cross.

SCOTLAND by GLEN GIBBONS

THE controversy over Frank McAvennie's continued exclusion from Scottish international squads will not go away.

The Celtic striker has been recognised for some time as the most consistent player in the country this season and that judgment is supported by the statistic that he has led the Premier Division scoring list for months.

Why, then, should national coach Andy Roxburgh look past the former St Mirren and West Ham forward for the Scots' friendly against Italy in Perugia on December 22 — at a time when both Ally McCoist of Rangers and Graeme Sharp of Everton are unavailable because of injury?

Roxburgh himself offered one reason. He said that, in his time with Scotland, McAvennie had not done anything to suggest he was better than those already in the squad.

There were not many takers, mainly because McAvennie has hardly had a chance under Roxburgh, something which applies to other, regularly picked members such as Murdo MacLeod, David Speedie and Brian McClair.

It is an open secret that the real cause of McAvennie's banishment has to do with his off-the-field performances.

There has been talk of a personality clash with the director of coaching, who is a stickler for harmony.

Indeed, on the day he announced the pool for Italy, Roxburgh said: "We don't wave flags or proclaim any greatness about ourselves.

"But what we do have is a wonderful, family atmosphere.

"I will guard that jealously and I will remove or not include any player I believe might disrupt that harmony."

Since McAvennie is considered to be behind novices such as Gordon Durie (from Chelsea in the English Second Division) and Kevin Gallacher of Dundee United, it would appear that he should resign himself to a career without the dark blue jersey.

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UEFA CUP

Third round, first legs (Nov 23 unless stated)

Groningen 1 (Meijer 81) **Stuttgart 3** (Allgower 17, Gaudino 32, 39)
HT: 0-3. Att: 20,400. Ref: Stiegler (Cz).
Played Nov 22.
Groningen: Tukker — Van Dijk — De Wolf, Boekweg — Koorman (Groekelen 46), Olde Riekerink, Regtop, Ten Caat, Roossien — Meijer, Eykelkamp.
Stuttgart: Immel — Allgower — Zietsch, Buchwald — Schafer, Katanec (Strehmel 68), Hartmann, Sigurvinsson, Schroder — Gaudino (Walter 76), Klinsmann.

IN the week Dutch football announced the introduction of a limited membership scheme, Groningen's fans showed just why. Play was halted in the second half by fans who threw missiles (including spray cans, fireworks and part of an umbrella) onto the pitch and then started a fire behind one of the goals. In the 75th minute referee Jiri Stiegler publicly threatened to abandon the game — which ended in a Dutch triumph, anyway, because Stuttgart's coach is the 1974 and 1978 Dutch World Cup star Arie Haan. Stuttgart adjusted far better to the treacherous conditions and Karl Allgtwer opened the scoring after 17 minutes with a 30-yard shot which surprised keeper Johan Tukker. Maurizio Gaudino scored a second after a goalmouth scramble and then a third after a solo run from near the halfway line. Hennie Meijer headed in a late consolation for Groningen from a corner.

Bayern Munich 0
Internazionale 2 (Serena 59, Berti 71)
HT: 0-0. Att: 73,000. Ref: Ponnet (Bel)
Bayern: Aumann — Nachtweih, Pflugler, Grahammer, Augenthler, Dorfner, Kogl, Reuter (Ekstrom 69), Wohlfarth, Thon, Wegmann.
Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, G.Baresi, Brehme, Ferri, Verdelli, Bianchi, Berti, Matteoli, Matthaus, Serena.

INTER showed why they were top of the Italian league with a superb counter-attacking victory over Bayern in front of a 73,000 capacity crowd who had been lured out despite the freezing temperatures. Inter, including ex-Bayern stars Lothar Matthaus and Andy Brehme, looked dangerous from the start. Inside the first minute Aldo Serena forced a diving save from Bayern keeper Ronald Aumann. Then Aumann had to dash from his goal to kick cleared the feet of the onrushing Serena. Bayern's best chance in the first half came in the ninth minute when Hans Dorfner's through pass beat Inter's offside trap but Roland Wohlfarth shot wide. Bayern had the first chance after the interval when Stefan Reuter's right-foot drive shook the bar. But it was Inter who finally took the lead when Serena, yet again, this time took his chance to shoot over Aumann into the net. As Bayern battles back Bergomi cleared off the line from Jurgen Wegmann. But a misplaced pass from Klaus Augenthaler proved fatal as Nicola Berti brushed aside three defenders to run on and shoot Inter's second.

Bordeaux 0
Napoli 1 (Carnevale 6)
HT: 0-1. Att: 35,000. Ref: Tritschler (WG)
Bordeaux: Dropsy — Thouvenel, Senac, Roche*, Zoran Vujovic — Thomas (Pean 62), Dewilder, Tigana, Scifo — Stopyra, Ferreri.
*Roche sent off, 58.
Napoli: Giuliani — Ferrara, Renica, Corradini, Francini — Fusi. Crippa, De Napoli*, Maradona — Carnevale, Careca (Carannante 76).
*De Napoli sent off, 58.

NAPOLI, fresh from their 5-3 Italian league triumph over Juventus, soon put Bordeaux in their place. After only six minutes Andrea Carnevale shot them ahead and Diego Maradona almost had another with a 15th-minute free kick which hit the bar. As Bordeaux's frustration boiled over so French international Alain Roche and Napoli's World Cup midfielder, Fernando De Napoli, were sent off after a 58th-minute skirmish.

Dynamo Dresden 2 (Gutschow 15pen, Minge 81)
Roma 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 35,000. Ref: Biguet (Fr)
Dresden: Teuber — Trautmann, Lieberam, Diebitz, Doschner, Kirchner, Stubner, Pilz, Kirsten (Jahnig 87), Minge, Gutschow (Sammer 63).
Roma: Tancredi — Gerolin, Nela, Collovati, Oddi, Desideri, Conti (Andrade 60), Rizzitelli, Vtller, Giannini, Policano.

THE East Germans went ahead after 15 minutes when Torsten Gutschow converted a penalty after Emilio Oddi brought down Ulf Kirsten, Dresden's star forward. Kirsten was also involved in the second goal, sending over a perfect cross from Ralf Minge to head home nine minutes from time. Kirsten might have had a goal himself but Roma keeper Franco Tancredi saved his 48th-minute penalty.

Hearts 3 (Bannon 17, Galloway 55, Colquhoun 89)
Velez Mostar 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 17,417. Ref: Fredriksson (Swe)
Hearts: Smith — Kidd (Jardine 85), Berry, McPherson, Whittaker, Black, Colquhoun, Mackay, Ferguson, Galloway, Bannon (Sandison 46).
Velez: Petranovic — Hadziabdic, Gosto (Juric 75), Rahimic, Jurasovic, Sisic*, Repak, Gudelj, Kajtaz, Barbaric, Tuce (Kodro 83).
*Sisic sent off, 85.

HEARTS, who had never before reached the third round in Europe, finished this first leg well on their way to the quarter-finals. The Yugoslavs fired one warning shot across Scottish bows when Semir Tuce raced clear to bring a fine save out of Henry Smith. But in the 17th minute Hearts went ahead when Ferguson crossed from the right for Eamonn Bannon to volley home his first goal since joining Hearts during the summer. In the 55th minute Hearts went further ahead. Brian Whittaker crossed from the left and, after confusion in the Slav defence, Galloway forced the ball home. But the Slavs appeared to have a valid claim for offside. Finally John Colquhoun wrapped it all up in the last minute. By that time Velez were down to ten men after the expulsion of fullback Izmir Sisic for a foul tackle on Colquhoun.

Liege 0
Juventus 1 (Altobelli 18)
HT: 0-1. Att: 32,000. Ref: Valentine (Scot)
Liege: Stojic — Wegria, de Sart, Habrant, Quaranta — Houben (Giusto 30), Quain (Boffin 70), Ernes, Veyt — Varga, Malbasa.
Juventus: Tacconi — Favero, Brio, Tricella, Cabrini — Galia, De Agostini, Mauro (Magrin 56), Rui Barros — Altobelli, Laudrup.

JUVENTUS scored early and dominated the rest of the match once veteran striker Alessandro Altobelli had shot home from close range in the 17th minute after a Michael Laudrup cross-shot had eluded keeper Ratko Stojic. Juve easily withstood Belgian pressure and might have gone further ahead in the 73rd minute when they hit the post in a goalmouth scramble.

Real Sociedad 1 (Loinaz 76)
Koln 0
HT: 0-0. Att: 22,500. Ref: Syme (Scot)
Real: Arconada — Larranaga — Gorriz, Gajate — Zuniga, Bengoechea, Zamora, Baquero II (Mujica 54), Iturrino — Loren, Goicoechea (Loinaz 54).
Koln: Illgner — Gielchen — Kohler, Honerbach — Hassler, Janssen, Littbarski, Engels (Gotz 16), Gortz — T.Allofs, Povlsen.

JOHN Toshack's Real Sociedad seized a narrow advantage thanks to a late goal from season's revelation Miguel Loinaz after West German national team keeper Bodo Illgner could only parry a shot from Juan Maria Mujica. By that time Koln had lost much of the spirit evident in the first half when Pierre Littbarski shot narrowly over the bar and Thomas Hsssler forced a fine save from veteran keeper Luis Arconada at the expense of a corner.

Victoria Bucharest 1 (Ursu 4)
TPs 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 10,000. Ref: Sanchez Arminio (Sp)
Victoria: Nitu — Cojocaru, D.Daniel, Zare, Topolinschi — Ursu, C.Solomon, Ursea, Coras (Lais 79) — Culcear (Tira 46), Damaschin I.
TPs: Eckerman — Heikkinen, Hannikainen, Sulonen, Laksonen (Skants 71), Johansson — Halonen, Suominen, Jalo, Lipponen — Rajamaki.

THE battle of the minnows finished with the Finns from Turun Palloseura conceding only the narrowest of margins to a quick goal from Emil Ursu.

UEFA CUP

Third round, second legs (Dec 7 unless stated)

Internazionale 1 (Serena 44)
Bayern Munich 3 (Wohlfarth 33, Augenthaler 37, Wegmann 39)
HT: 1-3. Att: 75,000. Ref: Galler (Swz)
Bayern on away goals: 3-3 agg
Inter: Zenga — Bergomi, G.Baresi, Brehme (Rocco 34), Ferri, Verdelli, Bianchi, Berti, Matteoli (Morello 46), Matthaus, Serena.
Bayern: Aumann — Nachtweih, Pflugler, Grahammer, Augenthaler, Dorfner, Wegmann (Eck 77), Reuter, Wohlfarth (Kogl 89), Thon, Ekstrom.

INTER, Italian championship leaders, conceded as many goals in this one game as they had in eight matches in the league — all the more embarrassing since they lined up Bayern old boys Andy Brehme and Lothar Matthaus. Perhaps it was significant that Bayern took control of the match only after Brehme had been forced to quit the match because of a calf strain. The sell-out crowd brought record receipts of £1million. Inter, having won 2-0 in Munich, began with an extra midfielder in place of Argentine striker Ramon Diaz. But their caution misfired badly in a six-minute spell in which Bayern scored three times. First Roland Wohlfarth shot home from close range after his first shot to an Olaf Thon knockdown was blocked. Then Klaus Augenthaler headed No 2 from a Pflugler cross before Jurgen Wegmann grabbed a third in a counter-attack masterminded by Johnny Ekstrom. Aldo Serena pulled a goal back on the stroke of half-time on a pass from Nicola Berti. But that was the end for Inter, who were superbly held at bay throughout the second half by Bayern keeper Aumann.

Juventus 1 (Altobelli 14)
FC Liege 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 35,000. Ref: Prokop (EG)
Juventus 2-0 on agg
Juventus: Tacconi — Favero, Cabrini, Galia, Bruno, Tricella, Marocchi, Rui Barros, Altobelli, Mauro, Laudrup.
Liege: Stojic — Houben (Boffin 69), Quaranta, Habrant, de Sart, Giusto, Ernes, Quain, Varga, Veyt, Malbasa.

VETERAN striker Alessandro Altobelli scored his 39th Euro-goal (an Italian record) as he led former winners Juventus into the quarter-finals. Juve were without ineligible Soviet schemer Alexander Zavarov as well as experienced defenders De Agostini and Brio. But they dominated the match and might have won more easily. Altobelli scored after a mistake by Liege skipper Rapharel Quaranta, Michael Laudrup hit the post in the 35th minute and Giancarlo Marocchi hit the bar in the 83rd. Altobelli might also have had a penalty on the hour when he was pulled back by his shirt but referee Adolf Prokop waved play on. The best of Liege's few chances fell to Yugoslav Nebojsa Malbasa, who had a 20th-minute header cleared off the goal line.

Koln 2 (Gotz 2, Engels 28)
Real Sociedad 2 (Goicoechea 35pen, Fuentes 89)
HT: 2-1. Att: 38,000. Ref: Lund-Sorensen (Den)
Real Sociedad 3-2 on agg
Koln: Illgner — Honerbach, Kohler, Steiner (Schlipper 71), Gortz — Hassler, Littbarski, Engels — Gotz (Sturm 46), Povlsen, Thomas Allofs.
Real Sociedad: Arconada — Zuniga, Larranaga, Gajate, Gorriz, Bengoechea — Baquero II, Iturrino (Fuentes 72), Zamora — Loren, Goicoechea (Mujica 52).

MANAGER Toshack provides extra British interest in the quarter-finals after Real Sociedad held out to defy a Koln side who had previously eliminated Rangers. Falko Gotz converted a Pierre Littbarski corner after only two minutes to pull Koln level on terms. Then Stephen Engels fired them in front in the 28th after veteran keeper Luis Arconada could only parry a shot from Hassler. Sociedad then summoned up the spirit which had brought them back from the dead against Dukla in an earlier round. When West Germany goalkeeper Bodo Illgner brought

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down Zuniga in the 35th minute Juan Antonio Goicoechea scored from the penalty. That edged Sociedad back in front on the away goals rule. Koln wasted a chance to re-establish their lead when top league scorer Thomas Allofs missed a penalty. Sociedad were still hanging on when substitute Fuentes scored their second goal, to equalise on the night, in the last minute.

Napoli 0
Bordeaux 0
Att: 62,000. Ref: Midgley (Eng)
Napoli 1-0 on agg
Napoli: Giuliani — Ferrara. Francini, Fusi, Corradini, Renica, Crippa, Carannante, Careca (Giachetta 25), Maradona, Carnevale.
Bordeaux: Dropsy — *Thouvenel, Zoran Vujovic, Senac, Pean, Rohr, Dewilder, Tigana, Stopya (Pascal 57), Scifo, Ferreri. *Thouvenel sent off, 2min.

DIEGO Maradona's Napoli had been in sensational form in the Italian league but all the brilliance deserted them against the Frenchmen. They had to settle for a goalless draw even though Bordeaux played virtually all the match with ten men after defender Jean-Cristophe Thouvenel was sent off in the second minute by English referee Neil Midgley for hitting Crippa.

Roma 0
Dynamo Dresden 2 (Gutschow 69, Kirsten 79)
HT: 0-0. Att: 30,000. Ref: Kohl (Aus)
Dresden 4-0 on agg
Roma: Tancredi — Gerolin, Tempestilli, Nela, Collovati, Desideri, Renato, Conti, Vtller, Giannini, Policano.
Dresden: Teuber — Trautmann, Lieberam, Diebitz, Doschner, Sammer, Stubner, Pilz (Hauptmann 46), Kirsten, Kirchner, Gutschow.

ROMA'S controversial roller-coaster of a season hit a trough when they lost to East Germany's unbeaten, runaway league leaders. Roma thus became the first of Italy's six European entries this term to fall by the wayside. Left winger Torsten Gutschow headed Dresden in front in the 69th minute after a corner and fellow international Ulf Kirsten scored from close range ten minutes later. Roma badly missed suspended defender Manfredonia and Oddi while Brazil forward Renato was below his best after his return from injury. Roma must have realised it was not their day when Italy midfielder Giuseppe Giannini hit the bar in the 46th minute.

Stuttgart 2 (Klinsmann 22, 52)
Groningen 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 8,500. Ref: Germanakos (Gr)
Stuttgart 5-1 on agg
Stuttgart: Immel — Buchwald, Allgower, Strehmel — Schafer, Hartmann, Katanec, Sigurvinsson (Walter; Schmaler), Schrider — Klinsmann, Gaudino.
Groningen: Tukker — Van Dijk, Sinkgraven, Boekweg — Koorman (Groeleken), Olde Riekerink, Regtop, Ten Caat, Roossien — Meijer, Eykelkamp.

TWO goals from much-coveted Jurgen Klinsmann decided the game and the tie. Klinsmann, watched and considered by Real and Atletico Madrid as well as Italy's Internazionale, wasted two early chances. But in the 22nd minute he made no mistake, giving keeper Johan Tukker no chance from close range. At the other end Stuttgart keeper Eike Immel had no problems with a tame shot from midfielder Edwin Olde Riekerink. But he was pushed a little to save from Theo Ten Caat. That was in the 49th minute — shortly before Klinsmann wrapped it up. The all-important pass came from Maurizio Gaudino.

TPs 3 (Rajamaki 36, Halonen 51, Jalo 89)
Victoria Bucharest 2 (Solomon 16 and 25)
HT: 1-2. Att: 3,595. Ref: Thomas (Hol)
Victoria on away goals: 3-3 agg
TPs: Eckerman — Johansson, Sulonen, Heikinnen, Haisikainen, Suominen, Jalo, Halonen, Lipponen, Skants, Rajamski.
Victoria: Nitu — Cojocaru, Ioan, Mirea, Daniel, Topolinschi, Ursu, Ursea, Coras, Solomon, Damaschin.

THE Finns never came as close to upsetting the Rumanians as the scoreline might suggest. Victoria stretched their first-leg lead with two first-half goals from midfielder Costel Solomon — the first a free kick deflected past unlucky keeper Dan-Ola Eckerman. TPs battled back brvaley but Tomi Jalo's match-winner was much too late in the day to affect the overall result. This was a last match in charge of TPs for coach Tommy Lindholm, who now joins Brage of Sweden.

Velez Mostar 2 (Tuce 31, Gudelj 89)
Hearts 1 (Galloway 53)
HT: 1-0. Att: 20,000. Ref: Longhi (It)
Hearts 4-2 on agg
Velez: Petranovic — Gosto, Jedvai, Durasovic, Hadziabdic, Karabeg, S.Juric, Gudelj, Tuce, P.Juric, Repak (Kodro 52).
Hearts: Smith — Whittaker, Berry, McPherson, Kidd, Bannon, Black, MacKay, Jardine, Colquhoun, Galloway (Moore 85).

HEARTS progressed to the quarter-finals for the first time despite a hail of missiles in the intimidating Mostar evening. Manager Alex MacDonald described the atmosphere as "the worst I've come across in European competition." But it had little effect on his players. Although Semir Tuce gave Velez a first-half led, Mick Galloway equalised in the 66th minute and Hearts rarely appeared in further danger. MacDonald's only regret was the loss of Hearts' unbeaten record in Europe this season — because of a last-minute strike by Vladimir Gudel

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Santiago — intl friendly
Chile 2 (Espinoza pen, H.Gonzalez)
Peru 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 9,000. Ref: Juan P.Torrens (Ch)

Chile: Osben — Espinoza, H.Gonzalez, Contreras, Reynero, Lepe, Pizarro, Ramirez (Mardones), Herrera, A.Gonzalez (Nunez), Alvarez (Covarrubias).
Peru: Chavez — Rojas, Del Solar, Reinoso, Olivares, Carranza, *Valencia, Reyna (Cordero), Loyola (Rey Muwoz), Anton (Torrealba), Hurtado.
*Valencia sent off, 39min.

VALENCIA was sent off six minutes before half-time for protesting too long and loud about the penalty with which Chile opened the score.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Santiago — Copa Pinto Duran, 1st leg
Chile 1 (Espinosa 89 pen)
Uruguay 1 (Vidal 87)
HT: 0-0. Att: 12,500

A DULL game until the last few minutes when Vidal put Uruguay ahead and then Espinoza equalised from a controversial penalty whose award so incensed Uruguay's Correia he lost his temper and had to be sent off.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Kuwait — intl friendly
Kuwait 0 Finland 0 Att: 3,500.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Bratislava — intl friendly
Czechoslovakia 3 (Griga 15, Weiss 42, Luhovy 44)
Norway 2 (Sorloth 43, Agdestein 53)
HT: 3-1. Att: 2,813. Ref: Puhl (Hun)
Czechoslovakia: Miklosko — Bielik (K.Kula 46), Hasek, Bilek — Nemecek, Fieber (Vlk 46), Chovanec, Weiss (Moravcik 46) — Griga (Skuhravy 46), Luhovy (V.Danek 65).
Norway: By Rise (Thorstvedt 16) — Petter, Pedersen, Ahlsen, Halle — Salte, Brandhaug, Rekdal (J.I.Jakobsen 70), Gulbrandsen (Mordt 77) — Sorloth, Agdestein.

BOTH teams played this 'trial' match without their exiles. Norway had to field a new defence with Ahlsen recalled and Pedersen and Salte making their debuts. To add to their problems keeper Ola By Rise had to be carried off to have four stitches in a head gash after being clouted by Stanislav Griga as the Czechoslovak striker opened the scoring. Hungarian referee Puhl was probably wrong to let the goal stand. Thorstvedt immediately substituted in the Norway goal and was himself beaten in the 42nd and 44th minutes by efforts from Weiss (with a 20-yard drive) and Luhovy (unmarked at a corner). Inbetween these goals Sorloth headed one for Norway. In the second half Norway's chess grand master, Simen Agdestein, scored his first international goal and, with a little more experience and control, might even have had a couple more. Among the small crowd as Guy Thys, manager of Czechoslovakia's World Cup rivals, Belgium.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Montevideo — Copa Pinto Duran, 2nd leg
Uruguay 3 (Da Silva 25pen, Baez 32, Martinez 43)
Chile 1 (Espinoza 88)
HT: 3-0. Att: 7,000. Ref: Cardellino (Uru)
Uruguay 4-2 on agg
Uruguay: Ferro — Goncalvez, Rebollo, Herrera, Perdomo, Cabrera, Vidal (Martinez), Pereira, Da Silva (Baez), Paz, Dalto (Suarez).
Chile: Osben — H.Gonzalez, Contreras, Espinoza, Lepe, Martinez, Herrera (Covarrubias), Pizarro, A.Gonzalez, Mardones, Alvarez.

URUGUAY won the traditional Pinto Duran cup after a boring match most notable for the close midfield marking by both sides which made it difficult for anyone to get anywhere near goal. Uruguay did manage to break through three times in the last 20 minutes of the first half but the result flattered them.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Athens — intl friendly
Greece 3 (Lagonidis 3, Tsalouhidis 52, 54)
Hungary 0
HT: 1-0. Att: 12,000. Ref: Rosner (EG)
Greece: Hitsiudis (Talikriadis 80) — Hadjiathansiu, Kolomitrusis, Kutulas, Vamvakulas — Tsaluhidis, Lagonidis (Papadopulos 82), Noblias, Tsiantakis (Bonovas 82) — Borbokis (Dimitriadis 82), Karasavidis (Kavuras 76).
Hungary: P.Disztl (Petry 83) — Mariasi, Pinter, Mesztly (Bordas 46), Sass (Keller 59) — Kozma, Kovacs, Csucsanszky, Vincze (Fischer 46) — Kiprich, Hajszan (Balog 79).

IT WAS expecting too much of Hungary to produce much spirit after all the match-fixing arrests which had seen the detention of national team stars such as Honved fullback Sandor Sallai and MTK midfielder Peter Hannich. Greece duly snatched a third-minute lead and never looked back in a game which grew ever more scrappy with the progressive introduction of ten substitutes. After the match Hungary manager Gyorgy Mezey confirmed that inquiries and speculation surrounding the domestic match-fixing scandal had prevented him fielding any of his foreign-based players, apart from Vincze.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Belgrade — WC Euro gp 5
Yugoslavia 3 (Spasic 11, Susic 76, Stojkovic 82)
France 2 (Perez 3, Sauzee 68)
HT: 1-1. Att: 16,000. Ref: Fredriksson (Swe)
Yugoslavia: Ivkovic — Stanojkovic, Spasic (Juric 55), Hadzibegic, Jozic, Stojkovic, Susic, Bazdarevic, Katanec, B.Cvetkovic (Savicevic 70), Zlatko Vujovic.
France: Bats — Roche, Boli, Kastendeuch, Amoros — Ferreri (Papin 78), Dib, Sauzee, Tigana — Paille, Perez (Bravo 69).

NEW French manager Michel Platini did not produce victory to begin his controversial reign but at least he did appear to have a spring back into the French step. "That's more like the Blues," ran the L'Equipe headline on Monday morning. Platini decided on a sweeper defence and provided a debut up front for Paris Saint-Germain newcomer Christian Perez. The defence looked unsure but Perez took to international football like a duck to water. He opened the scoring after only three minutes after Stanojkovic missed a right-wing cross from the recalled Jean Tigana. But the Slavs were soon level as Goran Spasic headed home a free kick from Safet Susic — who, of course, plays his club football in France for Paris Saint-Germain. Yugoslavia had the better of the rest of the first half — Srecko Katanec and Dragan Stojkovic both missing from close range after panics in the French defence, and then Susic forcing a fine one-handed save from Joel Bats with a free kick. France held out long enough to regain the lead in the 68th minute through Frank Sauzee. But that was the last flourish. Susic equalised in the 76th minute — shooting easily past Paris club-mate Bats — then Stojkovic shot the winner after a cross from substitute Dejan Savicevic once again caught the French defence

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napping. Platini said: "We had the match under control and I thought we would win it. Unfortunately the players thought so too and relaxed their concentration." One surprise feature, on the face of it, was that only 16,000 turned out to see the match in the Partizan stadium. In fact, at one time there was a doubt about whether the match would go ahead or not because of the mass political rallies taking place the same day in Belgrade because of the Kosovo crisis.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Sibiu — intl friendly
Rumania 3 (Camataru 23, Mateut 31 and 40)
Israel 0
HT: 3-0. Att: 6,000. Ref: Van Swieten (Hol)

Rumania: Lung (Stelea 70) — Iovan (Rednic 46), Andone, Belodedici (Klein 46), Ungureanu — Mateut, Sabau, G.Popescu, Rotariu — Vaiscovici, Camataru (E.Sandoi 62).

Israel: Asiag — Amar, Ilous, Parcelani, Drapich — Cohen (Alon 74), Davidi (Simonov 64), Baruch, Sinai — Klinger, Drieks.

THE Rumanians, well placed already in their World Cup group, displayed all their confidence as they raced to a three-goal lead against the Israelis then used the second half to coast home and try out a few reserves.

Lima — intl friendly
Peru 1 (Farfan)
Chile 1 (Mardones)
HT: 0-1. Att: 20,000. Ref: Walter Barrios (Peru)

Peru: Yupanqui — Rojas, Requen, Del Solar, Olivares, Cordero, Uribe, Reynoso (Rey Muwoz), Loyola, Navarro (Farfan), Ramirez.

Chile: Cornez — Puebla, Contreras, Gonzalez, Espinoza, Pizarro, Lepe, Garcia, Herrera, Tudor, Alvarez.

CHILE had slightly more of the ball in the first half and Peru in the second, especially towards the end when the Chileans went consciously onto the defensive. Good play by Pizarro and Lepe provided Chile with midfield control while Navarro's injury was a blow to Peru as he had promised to forge a dangerous partnership with Uribe. Peru's equaliser was their first goal in four friendly matches.

Kuwait — intl friendly
Kuwait 0
Soviet Union 1 (Mikhailichenko 22)
HT: 0-1. Att: 20,000.

Sov.Union: Chanov (Kharin 46) — Gorlukovich, Shirinbyekov, O.Kuznetsov, Demianenko, Zigmantovich, Aleinikov (Belanov 30), Litovchenko (Ivanauskas 46), Yuri Savichev (Nikolai 82), Protasov (Rats 61), Mikhailichenko.

A MIXTURE of the Soviet European championship and Olympic teams controlled this match in Kuwait and might have won by a larger margin. Four days later the two teams met again with the Soviets winning 2-0 but that could not be counted a full international since French manager Michel Platini played a 20-minute guest role for the hosts.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Istanbul — WC Euro gp 3
Turkey 3 (Tanju 23, 63, Oguz 69)
East Germany 1 (Thom 75)
HT: 1-0. Att: 39,000. Ref: Nemeth (Hun)

Turkey: Fatih — Recep, Semih, Cuneyt, Gokhan, Onal, Ugur Tutuneker, Ridvan, Oguz (Hassan 88), Tanju (Metin 78), Feyyaz.

E.Germany: Weissflog — Kreer (Schossler 66), Stahmann, Lindner, Doschner, Pilz, Stubner, Steinmann, Kirsten, Ernst (Doll 46), Thom.

RIOT police, supervised by Istanbul's top cop, were on duty for this World Cup-tie after the controversy surrounding the Champions' Cup match a few weeks earlier between Galatasaray and Switzerland's Neuchatel Xamax. In the event the Turks won decisively and the fans were happily passive. Turkey went ahead in the 23rd minute through the European Golden Boot winner Tanju Colak and he extended their lead from a free kick 18 minutes into the second half. In the 69th minute Oguz Cetin made it 3-0 with a bizarre goal, scored as he lay on his back after a goalmouth scramble. East Germany's small consolation was a goal in the 75th minute from their Footballer of the Year, Andreas Thom. This victory lifted Turkey from bottom to second place in group three behind the Soviet Union.

Nov 10: Honved 1, Hungary 5.
Nov 12: Italian Lge 2, Poland 2.
Nov 15: Greece U21 2, Hungary U21 2.
Nov 17: Mali 3, Saint-Etienne 1.
Nov 22: Bahia 0, Denmark 1.
Nov 25: Vasco da Gama 1, Denmark 0.
Nov 27: Kuwait XI 0, Soviet Union 2.

SOUTH/CENTRAL AMERICA CONCACAF CHAMPIONS' CUP

November 9 — qualifier
Cruz Azul (Mex) 1 (Fernandez)
Olimpia (Hon) 2 (Cuevas, Espinoza)
Olimpia 2-1 on agg

SOUTH AMERICAN UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP

Finals (in Ecuador): Argentina 2, Paraguay 0; Brazil 1, Colombia 1; Argentina 1, Colombia 0; Brazil 3, Paraguay 0; Colombia 2, Paraguay 1; Brazil 1, Argentina 0. Standings (three games each): Brazil 5pts; Argentina 4pts; Colombia 3pts; Paraguay 0. Brazil, Argentina and Colombia qualify for the 1989 World Under-16 championship in Scotland.

BRAZIL

National Championship (1st stage final standings — top two of each group qualify for final round after second stage.)

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fluminense	11	7	2	2	14	3	27
Internacional P.A.	11	6	3	2	18	8	25
Portuguesa	11	6	2	3	17	11	23
Flamengo	11	5	3	3	16	8	22
Atletico Mineiro	11	6	2	3	9	6	22
Sport	11	4	3	4	8	7	20
Goias	11	3	4	4	9	10	18
Sao Paulo	11	5	0	6	6	8	17
Palmeiras	11	4	1	6	12	13	15
Vitoria	11	3	3	5	3	11	15
Atletico Paranense	11	2	3	6	8	9	13
Bangu	11	2	2	7	5	8	12

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Vasco da Gama	11	6	3	2	15	9	24
Gremio P.A.	11	6	1	4	13	5	22
Bahia	11	5	2	4	12	11	21
Guarani	11	4	3	4	9	9	21
Cortibia	11	3	2	6	5	10	14
Santa Cruz	11	3	2	6	10	12	13
Botafogo	11	2	2	7	8	11	12
Cruzeiro	11	2	1	11	10	14	11
Santos	11	2	1	8	8	8	11
Corinthians	11	1	3	7	5	11	10
Criciuma	11	1	1	9	5	15	5
America	11	0	3	8	3	16	3

(*Two points awarded for a draw won on penalties, but not clarified on tables.)

ARGENTINA

National A Division

	P	W	D	L	PW	PL	F	A	Pts
Racing Club (Avellaneda)	11	7	3	1	2	1	21	11	26
Dep. Español	11	6	4	1	2	2	12	5	24
Boca Juniors	11	7	1	3	0	1	18	11	22
Independiente	11	5	4	2	2	2	15	9	21
Rosario Central	12	4	5	3	2	3	18	18	19
River Plate	12	5	3	4	0	3	21	14	18
San Martin Tucuman	12	5	3	4	0	3	19	14	18
Talleres Córdoba	12	3	6	3	3	3	15	15	18
Newell's Old Boys	12	3	6	3	3	3	9	11	18
Ferrocarril Oeste	12	3	5	4	4	1	10	13	18
Argentinos Juniors	11	3	5	3	3	2	16	13	17
San Lorenzo	11	3	4	4	4	0	17	16	17
Mandiyú (Corrientes)	12	3	6	3	2	4	9	11	17
Dep. Armenio	11	3	4	4	3	1	8	9	16
Gim.y Esgrima La Plata	11	2	6	3	4	2	7	9	16
Estudiantes de La Plata	12	3	5	4	2	3	11	15	16
Platense	11	3	3	5	1	2	8	12	13
Racing Club (Córdoba)	12	2	4	6	3	1	7	16	13
Velez Sarsfield	11	3	1	7	1	0	13	20	11
Institute Córdoba	12	1	4	7	0	4	9	21	7

Note: PW – won on penalties; PL – lost on penalties.
Lowest relegation averages (points average over last three seasons): Estudiantes LP & Instituto Córdoba 0.90; Dep. Armenio 0.89; Talleres Córdoba 0.87; Platense 0.85; Racing Córdoba 0.81.

COLOMBIA

"Finalización" Tournament (final standings)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millionarios	28	19	4	5	49	21	42
Indep. Santa Fe	18	16	9	3	45	21	41
Nacional Medellin	26	16	7	5	43	23	39
At. Junior Barra	28	12	9	7	46	28	33
America Cali	28	13	5	10	48	41	31
Quindio	28	13	5	10	37	34	31
Pereira	28	8	14	6	32	28	30
Indep. Medellin	28	9	12	7	30	28	30
Cucuta	28	10	7	11	37	42	27
Tolima	28	8	10	10	24	32	26
Deportivo Cali	28	8	6	14	30	36	22
Sporting Barra	28	7	7	14	27	50	21
Bucaramanga	28	5	10	13	24	36	20
Caldas	28	3	9	16	26	49	15
Union Magdalena	28	2	8	18	16	45	12

(*Top four get 1, ¾, ½ and ¼ points bonus for final round respectively if they qualify.)

Overall points (both championships) — final standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nacional Medellin	40	25	9	6	62	28	29
Millionarios	40	24	9	7	60	28	57
Indep. Santa Fe	40	21	11	8	59	34	53
America Cali	40	19	10	11	62	51	48
Quindio	40	17	10	13	48	45	44
At. Junior	40	16	11	12	56	42	43
Pereira	40	12	18	10	43	40	42
Cucuta	40	14	12	14	48	52	40
Indep. Medellin	40	11	17	12	41	44	39
Tolima	40	12	14	14	43	48	38
Deportivo Cali	40	12	11	17	47	51	35
Sporting Barra	40	10	12	18	38	64	32
Bucaramanga	40	8	13	19	35	53	29
Caldas	40	4	13	23	36	65	21
Union Magdalena	40	5	10	25	24	59	20

(*Top eight qualify for final round.)
Final round (after 7 games — half-way stage — including bonus points) 1) Millionarios 13½; 2) Nacional 11½; 3) America 9¾; 4) Junior 7¼; 5) Quindio 4; 6) Cucuta and Pereira 3.

PARAGUAY

First Division (3rd round final standings)

1) Olimpia (on goal difference) 17 points; 2) Sol de América (goals) 17; 3) Cerro Porteño (goals) 17; 4) Sportivo Luqueño 14; 5) Colegiales 11; 6) River Plate, Libertad, Sport Colombia, San Lorenzo 10; 10) Guarani 9; 11) Nacional 4; 12) General Caballero 3. (Top 3 get 2½, 1½ and ½ bonus points for final round.)

CHILE

First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cobreloa	21	13	3	5	38	18	29
Cobresal	21	10	6	4	38	19	26
Dep. La Serena	21	7	10	4	24	27	24
Dep. Concepción	21	9	5	7	22	17	23
Huachipato	21	7	9	5	27	21	23
Univ. Catolica	21	10	3	8	25	21	23
Naval	21	9	4	8	32	32	22
Dep. Iquique	21	7	8	6	29	22	22
Fernández Vial	21	7	7	7	29	30	21
Colo Colo	21	7	7	7	23	23	21
Everton	21	7	7	7	19	24	21
Univ. de Chile	21	6	8	7	16	21	20
O'Higgins	21	6	5	10	25	32	17
Union Española	21	5	6	10	23	32	16
Dep. Valdivia	21	4	7	10	25	15	15
Palestino	21	3	7	11	17	36	13

ECUADOR

First Divison (2nd stage — final standings)

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Deportivo Quito	6	2	4	0	8	4	8
Liga Dep. Quito*	6	3	1	2	10	11	8
Macará	6	2	2	2	11	8	6
Filanbanco	6	1	1	4	5	11	3
Group 2							
Emelec*	6	2	4	0	7	4	9
Barcelona	6	2	3	1	8	5	7
Naciona	6	2	2	2	9	10	6
Univ. Catolica	6	1	1	4	8	13	3

(*Group winners Dep. Quito and Emelec qualify for title play-off and Libertadores Cup.)

BOLIVIA

Professional League

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Bolivar	16	11	4	1	26
The Strongest	16	9	3	5	21
Oriente Petrolero	16	8	4	4	20
Wilsterman	17	8	4	5	20
San José	17	8	2	7	18
Litoral	17	6	5	6	16
Destroyers	17	6	5	6	17
Ciclon	16	7	1	8	15
Blooming	17	6	4	7	16
Real Santa Cruz	16	5	2	9	12
Universitartio	16	4	2	10	10
Aurora	17	2	3	12	7

PERU

Decentralised championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alianza Atletico	12	7	2	3	18	11	16
Universitarie	11	6	4	1	26	3	16
Deportivo Junin	11	6	3	2	16	6	15
Sporting Cristal	11	5	5	1	17	10	15
Union Huaral	12	6	3	3	19	13	15
Un. Tec Cajamarca	12	5	3	4	16	17	13
Octavio Espinoza	12	5	3	4	16	17	13
Malgar	12	4	3	5	18	22	11
Dep. Municipal	12	3	4	5	14	20	10
San Agustin	12	1	7	4	10	18	9
Colegio Cienciano	12	1	3	8	8	23	5
Minas San Vicente	12	0	4	8	4	23	4

MEXICO

First Division

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Irapuato	4	2	1	1	6	4	5
Toluca	4	2	0	2	9	4	4
America	4	1	2	1	3	3	4
Cruz Azul	4	9	2	2	5	7	2
Monterrey	4	0	0	4	0	10	0
Group 2							
Puebla	4	2	1	1	7	3	5
Atlante	4	2	1	1	4	4	5
Santos	4	2	1	1	5	6	5
Univ. Guadalajara	4	1	1	2	4	10	3
Univ. Nuevo Leon	4	1	0	3	7	10	2
Group 3							
Tampico Madero	4	3	0	1	9	6	6
Guadalajara	4	2	1	1	5	4	5
Necaxa	4	2	0	2	8	6	4
Morelia	4	1	2	1	7	8	4
Potosino	4	0	1	3	4	8	1
Group 4							
Univ. Aut. Mexico	4	4	0	0	10	2	8
Un. A. Guadalajara	4	3	0	1	4	2	5
Atlas	4	2	1	1	13	7	5
C. Juarez	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
Univ. Tamaulipas	4	1	0	3	4	6	2

(*Standings published previously corresponds to Mexican Cup.)

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URUGUAY

First Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Danubio	20	15	3	2	33
Huracan Buceo	21	11	5	5	27
Peñarol	21	11	4	6	26
Defenser	21	9	7	5	25
Wanderers	20	6	10	4	22
Nacional	20	8	5	7	21
Liverpool	20	7	5	8	19
Cerro	20	9	1	10	19
Central Español	20	5	7	8	17
Miramar Misiones	21	4	9	8	17
River Plate	20	3	9	8	15
Bella Vista	20	4	5	11	13
Progreso	20	3	4	13	10

EL SALVADOR

First Division

1) Luis Angel Firpo 25 points; 2) Marte 24; 3) FAS 23; 4) Cojutepeque 21; 5) Aguila 21; 6) Acajutla 21; 7) Metapan 19; 8) Chalatenango 18; 9) Alianza 18; 10) ADET 18.

COSTA RICA

1) Herediano 17 points; 2) Saprissa 17; 3) Puntarenas 15; 4) Cartagines 13; 5) Alajuelense 13; 6) Limon 12; 7) Uruguay 11; 8) San Carlos 10; 9) Guanacaste 9; 10) San Ramón 7.

VENEZUELA

Professional League

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Caracas FC	7	5	2	0	12
Mineros	7	3	4	9	10
Zamora	7	3	4	0	10
Margarita	7	3	4	0	10
Maritimo	7	3	3	1	9
Portuguesa	7	3	2	2	8
Minerven	7	2	3	2	7
Tachira	7	2	3	2	7
Lara	7	2	3	2	7
Italia	7	2	2	3	6
Univ. de Los Andes	7	2	2	3	6
FGalicia	7	1	4	2	6
Anzoategui	7	3	0	4	6
Estudiantes	7	0	3	4	3
Peninsulares	7	0	3	4	3
Arroceros	7	0	2	5	2

SOVIET UNION

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dnepr	30	18	10	2	49	23	46
Kiev	30	17	9	4	43	19	43
Torpedo	30	17	8	5	39	23	42
Spartak	30	14	11	5	40	26	39
Zhalgiris	30	14	7	9	39	35	35
Zenit	30	11	9	10	35	34	31
Lokomotiv	30	10	12	8	35	29	30
Shakhtior	30	9	10	11	30	28	28
Ararat	30	9	9	12	21	28	27
Moscow Dynamo	30	9	8	13	32	38	26
Metallist	30	8	10	12	29	36	26
Minsk	30	7	11	12	29	34	25
Chernomorets	30	9	6	15	24	37	24
Tbilisi	30	9	5	16	28	37	23
Nefchi Baku	30	5	7	18	28	46	17
Kairat	30	6	4	20	25	53	16

Top scorers: Shakhov (Dnepr) and Borodiuk (Moscow Dynamo) 16 each.

ICELAND

Final

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fram	18	16	1	1	38	8	49
Valur	18	13	2	3	36	15	41
IA	18	9	5	4	32	25	32
KA	18	8	3	7	31	29	27
KR	18	7	3	8	26	25	24
Por A	18	6	6	6	25	28	24
IBK	18	4	6	8	22	32	18
Vikingur R	18	5	3	10	20	31	18
Leiftur	18	1	6	11	12	26	9
Volsunger	18	2	3	13	13	36	9

REP. IRELAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derry	16	9	5	2	34	10	23
Dundalk	16	8	7	1	29	16	23
St. Patricks	16	8	6	2	24	8	22
Limerick City	16	8	6	2	26	15	22
Athlone Town	16	6	6	4	14	11	18
Bohemians	16	7	2	7	21	18	16
Shamrock	10	3	3	4	10	13	9
Shelbourne	16	5	5	6	17	20	14
Shamrock Rovers	16	3	7	6	15	23	13
Cork City	16	3	5	8	11	18	11
Waterford Utd	16	3	5	8	10	22	11
Galway Utd	16	3	5	8	15	32	11
Cobh Ramblers	16	1	5	10	9	32	7

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mechelen	17	12	4	1	32	13	28
Anderlecht	17	12	3	2	37	15	27
Liège	17	10	5	2	30	13	23
Brugge	17	10	3	4	38	18	23
Antwerp	17	8	6	3	33	23	22
St Trond	17	8	4	5	20	22	20
Waregem	17	7	3	7	25	26	17
Courtrai	17	6	5	6	27	24	17
Standard	17	5	6	6	23	24	16
Lokeren	17	5	4	8	21	24	14
Charleroi	17	4	6	7	16	28	14
RWDM	17	5	3	9	15	27	13
Beerschot	17	4	5	8	18	26	13
Lierse	17	4	5	8	12	24	13
Beveren	17	4	4	9	18	25	12
Racing M	17	4	4	9	21	31	12
Cercle	17	4	4	9	18	28	12
Genk	17	3	6	8	9	31	12

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CFKA Sredets	15	11	4	0	55	14	26
Etar	15	7	5	3	29	16	19
Trakia	15	8	3	4	31	19	19
Vitosha	15	7	4	4	29	20	18
Cherno More	15	7	4	4	22	20	18
Beroe	15	7	4	4	21	22	18
Sliven	15	6	3	6	21	25	15
Dunav	15	6	2	7	13	17	14
Slavia	15	4	5	6	14	16	13
Lokomotiv P	15	5	3	7	16	33	13
Pirin	15	5	2	8	17	17	12
Lokomotiv S	15	5	2	8	13	20	12
Spartak Varna	15	3	5	7	19	26	11
Minir	15	4	3	8	15	25	11
Vratsa	15	2	7	6	13	28	11
Lokomotiv GO	15	4	2	9	10	23	10

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	15	10	5	0	35	18	25
Barcelona	15	10	3	2	30	11	23
Sevilla	15	6	6	3	21	15	18
At.Madrid	15	8	2	3	31	19	18
Valencia	15	7	4	4	15	12	18
Gijon	15	6	5	4	17	14	17
Osasuna	15	5	6	4	18	18	16
Celta	15	6	4	4	15	19	16
Valladolid	15	7	2	6	16	12	16
Oviedo	15	6	4	5	19	17	16
Logrones	15	4	7	4	10	13	15
Malaga	15	4	6	5	15	15	14
Bilbao	15	5	6	4	17	19	14
Zaragoza	15	3	7	5	13	20	13
Real Sociedad	15	4	5	5	14	17	13
Cadiz	15	3	5	7	12	18	11
Espanol	15	2	6	7	13	21	10
Betis	15	2	5	8	15	24	9
Murcia	15	4	1	10	13	20	9
Elche	15	2	3	10	9	24	7

GREECE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Iraklis	11	6	4	1	21	11	16
AEK	11	7	2	2	15	5	16
PAOK	11	7	1	3	19	12	15
Olympiakos	11	6	2	3	22	10	14
Larissa	11	4	4	2	11	8	12
OFI	11	5	2	4	18	16	12
Doxa	11	4	3	4	10	9	11
Aris	11	3	5	3	8	7	11
Volos	11	3	5	3	11	11	11
Levadiakos	11	4	3	4	11	15	11
Panathinaikos	11	4	2	5	18	15	10
Diagoras	11	2	5	4	10	13	9
Apollon	11	2	4	5	8	11	8
Panionios	11	3	2	6	11	16	8
Ethikos	11	2	4	5	9	20	8
Kalamaria	11	0	4	7	5	28	4

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	16	10	6	0	23	5	26
Porto	16	8	7	1	15	6	23
Sporting	16	7	7	2	22	12	21
Setubal	16	8	3	5	25	18	19
Penafiel	16	7	4	5	17	12	18
Guimaraes	16	7	4	5	14	12	18
Beira-Mar	16	6	6	4	14	11	18
E. Amadora	16	7	3	6	16	17	17
Boavista	16	6	4	6	18	14	16
Chaves	16	6	4	6	14	11	16
Belenenses	16	5	6	5	18	13	16
Maritimo	16	5	6	5	18	17	16
Nacional	16	5	5	6	23	25	15
Braga	16	4	6	6	12	16	14
Leixoes	16	4	5	7	10	18	13
Farense	16	5	3	8	12	21	13
Espinho	16	4	4	8	21	24	12
Fafe	16	2	6	8	7	23	10
Viseu	16	2	6	8	8	21	10
Portimonense	16	3	3	10	7	18	9

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	15	11	1	3	33	14	23
Fortuna S	15	9	3	3	25	14	21
Ajax	15	9	2	4	30	18	20
Twente	15	6	7	2	20	11	19
Volendam	14	8	2	4	27	18	18
Feyenoord	13	7	3	3	31	21	17
Haarlem	15	7	3	5	21	19	17
Groningen	14	6	4	4	29	19	16
Roda	15	5	6	4	22	18	16
Utrecht	15	5	4	6	19	21	14
Den Bosch	15	5	3	7	19	30	13
PEC Zwolle	15	5	2	8	24	29	12
Veendam	15	5	2	8	16	25	12
Sparta	14	2	6	6	16	23	10
RKC	14	4	2	8	24	34	10
VVV Venlo	15	1	7	7	14	25	9
Willen II	15	2	5	8	19	33	9
MVV	15	2	4	9	17	34	8

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MTK	15	9	5	1	28	16	36
Ferencvaros	15	10	1	4	27	20	32
Honved	15	7	4	4	20	13	29
Videoton	15	9	1	5	34	17	28
Tatabanya	15	7	5	3	19	16	28
Raba ETO	15	8	2	5	22	17	27
Vac	15	6	5	4	21	17	27
Bekescsaba	15	6	3	6	22	19	22
Zalaegerszeg	15	4	6	5	22	18	21
Siofok	15	6	3	6	21	21	21
Pecs	15	4	5	6	21	21	19
Haladas	15	5	4	6	18	24	19
Veszprem	15	3	5	7	10	20	17
Ujpest	15	3	3	9	20	25	12
Dunaujvaros	15	1	5	9	13	31	11
Vasas	15	2	4	9	18	39	11

LUXEMBOURG

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Jeunesse	11	10	0	1	35	2	20
Red Boys	12	8	3	1	18	6	19
Union	12	7	2	3	30	11	16
Avenir	12	5	4	3	19	13	14
Spora	12	4	6	2	16	10	14
Grevenmac	12	3	2	7	15	26	8
Niedercorn	11	3	1	7	9	22	7
Hesperange	11	3	1	7	9	24	7
Eischen	12	2	2	8	14	31	6
Pétange	11	1	3	7	7	27	5

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Internazionale	9	8	1	0	16	3	17
Napoli	9	7	1	1	23	8	15
Juventus	9	4	4	1	18	12	12
Sampdoria	9	5	2	2	13	7	12
Atalanta	9	4	4	1	10	6	12
Milan	9	4	2	3	13	9	10
Roma	9	4	3	2	9	8	11
Fiorentina	9	4	2	3	11	13	11
Lazio	9	1	6	2	6	6	8
Torino	9	2	3	4	11	13	7
Lecce	9	3	1	5	7	10	7
Verona	9	1	5	3	7	10	7
Pescara	9	2	3	4	8	16	7
Ascoli	9	2	2	5	7	11	6
Cesena	9	1	4	4	6	11	6
Como	9	2	2	5	5	11	6
Bologna	9	2	1	6	8	14	5
Pisa	9	1	2	6	5	15	4

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tirol	22	15	3	4	50	25	33
Admira W	22	13	5	4	45	27	31
FK Austria	22	12	6	4	54	26	30
St. Pölten	22	10	5	7	34	34	25
Rapid	22	10	4	8	35	26	24
First Vienna	22	6	10	6	31	34	22
Grazer AK	22	7	8	7	27	37	22
Wiener SK	22	8	4	10	40	43	20
Vorwarts	22	5	8	9	21	31	18
Austrai Kl	22	5	6	11	29	47	16
Sturm Graz	22	3	6	13	21	35	12
Linzer ASK	22	3	5	14	21	43	11

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luzern	21	10	7	4	27	25	27
Grasshoppers	21	9	7	5	38	29	25
Bellinzona	21	8	7	6	33	27	23
Sion	21	8	7	6	24	20	23
Wettingen	21	5	13	3	22	20	23
Young Boys	21	8	6	7	44	35	22
Neuchâtel X	21	7	8	6	39	33	22
Servette	21	8	5	8	38	33	21
Aarau	21	5	8	8	27	28	18
Lausanne	21	5	7	9	26	33	17
St Gallen	21	5	6	10	29	41	16
Lugano	21	3	9	9	22	45	15

NORTHERN IRELAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Linfield	7	6	0	1	14	6	18
Glentoran	7	5	1	1	21	11	16
Bangor	7	4	3	0	13	6	15
Larne	7	4	1	2	18	10	13
Coleraine	7	4	1	2	11	7	13
Glenavon	7	3	2	2	15	10	11
Portadown	7	3	1	3	16	6	10
Cliftonville	7	2	3	2	13	10	9
Newry	7	2	1	4	6	10	7
Carrick	7	2	1	4	7	11	7
Ballymena	7	1	3	3	10	13	6
Distillery	7	1	2	4	8	24	5
Ards	7	0	3	4	7	15	3
Crusaders	7	1	0	6	5	15	3

3 points for a win.

EAST GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dresden	13	12	0	1	37	13	24
Lok. Leipzig	13	7	2	4	21	10	16
Hansa R	13	8	0	5	18	13	16
Dynamo Berlin	13	5	5	3	26	15	15
CZ Jena	13	6	2	5	19	13	14
KM Stadt	13	6	1	6	21	23	13
Wismut Aue	13	5	3	5	18	20	13
Magdeburg	13	5	2	6	14	16	12
Stahl Br	13	6	0	7	19	22	12
Chemie Halle	12	4	3	5	16	20	11
Energie C	13	5	1	7	18	25	11
R. Weiss Erfurt	13	4	1	8	12	21	9
Union Berlin	13	2	4	7	11	22	8
Sachsenring	12	3	0	9	11	28	6

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris SG	21	14	4	3	30	14	46
Auxerre	21	14	3	4	30	16	45
Marseille	21	9	9	3	28	20	36
Sochaux	21	9	8	4	24	14	35
Nantes	21	10	5	6	29	25	35
Monaco	21	9	7	5	30	21	34
Nice	21	10	4	7	26	23	34
Lille	21	9	4	8	27	23	31
Montpellier	21	7	9	5	28	25	30
Toulouse	21	7	9	5	24	22	30
Bordeaux	21	7	8	6	30	23	29
Toulon	21	7	8	6	15	14	29
Cannes	21	8	5	8	26	26	29
Metz	21	8	4	9	22	19	26
Caen	21	5	6	10	19	35	21
Racing	21	5	5	11	26	32	20
Laval	21	4	7	10	17	27	19
St Etienne	21	4	5	12	18	35	17
Strasburg	21	3	3	15	19	36	12
Lens	21	2	5	14	23	41	11

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fenerbahce	15	10	4	1	33	10	34
Besiktas	14	9	5	0	35	7	32
Ankaragücü	16	10	2	4	23	18	32
Boluspor	15	9	3	3	31	18	30
Sariyer	15	9	2	4	28	19	29
Trabzonspor	16	8	4	4	33	16	28
Galatasaray	13	8	3	2	32	11	27
Malatyaspor	15	5	4	6	27	29	19
Altay	15	5	3	7	21	27	18
Samsunspor	15	3	7	5	10	12	16
Karsiyaka	15	4	4	7	23	26	16
Esckisehir	15	4	4	7	12	21	16
Bursaspor	16	5	1	8	16	26	16
Konyaspor	14	4	4	7	12	23	16
Rizespor	14	4	3	7	9	26	15
Adana DS	15	3	4	8	17	32	13
Sakaryaspor	15	3	2	0	16	29	11
Adanaspor	14	2	4	8	15	27	10
K. Maras	15	1	7	7	5	21	10

WEST GERMANY

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern	17	9	8	0	33	11	26
Werder	17	8	7	7	31	18	23
Köln	17	10	2	5	29	12	22
Stuttgart	17	8	5	4	32	23	21
Hamburg	16	8	4	4	28	18	20
Karlsruhe	17	8	3	6	29	26	19
Borussia Mg	16	6	6	4	23	22	18
Bayer Uerd	17	5	8	4	23	20	18
Bayer Lev	17	4	10	3	22	21	18
St Pauli	17	4	10	3	17	16	18
Kaiserlautern	17	5	7	5	28	23	17
Borussia D	17	4	8	5	23	16	16
Bochum	17	5	6	6	20	22	16
Nürnburg	17	4	3	10	16	31	11
Eintracht	17	4	3	10	8	27	11
Kickers	17	3	5	9	20	44	11
Hannover	17	2	6	9	16	31	10
Waldhof	17	1	7	9	14	31	9

WORLD CUP DATES

EUROPE

GROUP 1

19.10.88	Greece v Denmark	1-1
19.10.88	Bulgaria v Rumania	1-3
2.11.88	Rumania v Greece	3-0
2.11.88	Denmark v Bulgaria	1-1
26. 4.89	Greece v Rumania	
26. 4.89	Bulgaria v Denmark	
17. 5.89	Rumania v Bulgaria	
17. 5.89	Denmark v Greece	
11.10.89	Bulgariav Greece	
11.10.89	Denmark v Rumania	
15.11.89	Greece v Bulgaria	
15.11.89	Rumania v Denmark	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rumania	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Denmark	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Bulgaria	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Greece	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

GROUP 2

19.10.88	England v Sweden	0-0
19.10.88	Poland v Albania	1-0
5.11.88	Albania v Sweden	1-2
8. 3.89	Albania v England	
26. 4.89	England v Albania	
7. 5.89	Sweden v Poland	
3. 6.89	England v Poland	
6. 9.89	Sweden v England	
8.10.89	Sweden v Albania	
11.10.89	Poland v England	
25.10.89	Poland v Sweden	
15.11.89	Albania v Poland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Poland	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
England	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Albania	2	0	0	2	1	3	0

GROUP 3

31. 8.88	Iceland v Soviet Union	1-1
12.10.88	Turkey v Iceland	1-1
19.10.88	Soviet Union v Austria	2-0
19.10.88	East Germany v Iceland	2-0
2.11.88	Austria v Turkey	3-2
30.11.88	Turkey v East Germany	3-1
12. 4.89	East Germany v Turkey	
26. 4.89	Soviet Union v East Germany	
10. 5.89	Turkey v Soviet Union	
17. 5.89	East Germany v Austria	
31. 5.89	Soviet Union v Iceland	
14. 6.89	Iceland v Austria	
23. 8.89	Austria v Iceland	
6. 9.89	Austria v Soviet Union	
6. 9.89	Iceland v East Germany	
20. 9.89	Iceland v Turkey	
25.10.89	East Germany v Soviet Union	
25.10.89	Turkey v Austria	
8.11.89	Soviet Union v Turkey	
15.11.89	Austria v East Germany	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Soviet Union	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Turkey	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
East Germany	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Iceland	3	0	2	1	2	2	2
Austria	2	1	0	1	3	4	2

GROUP 4

31. 8.88	Finland v West Germany	0-4
14. 9.88	Holland v Wales	1-0
19.10.88	Wales v Finland	2-2
19.10.88	West Germany v Holland	0-0
26. 4.89	Holland v West Germany	
31. 5.89	Wales v West Germany	
31. 5.89	Finland v Holland	
6. 9.89	Finland v Wales	
4.10.89	West Germany v Finland	
11.10.89	Wales v Holland	
15.11.89	West Germany v Wales	
15.11.89	Holland v Finland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	2	1	1	0	4	0	3
Holland	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Wales	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Finland	2	0	1	1	2	6	0

GROUP 5

14. 9.88	Norway v Scotland	1-2
28. 9.88	France v Norway	1-0
19.10.88	Scotland v Yugoslavia	1-1
22.10.88	Cyprus v France	1-1
2.11.88	Cyprus v Norway	0-3
19.11.88	Yugoslavia v France	3-2
11.12.88	Yugoslavia v Cyprus	4-0
8. 2.89	Cyprus v Scotland	
8. 3.89	Scotland v France	
22. 4.89	Scotland v Cyprus	
29. 4.89	France v Yugoslavia	
16. 5.89	Norway v Cyprus	
14. 6.89	Norway v Yugoslavia	
5. 9.89	Norway v France	
6. 9.89	Yugoslavia v Scotland	
11.10.89	Yugoslavia v Norway	
11.10.89	France v Scotland	
28.10.89	Cyprus v Yugoslavia	
15.11.89	Scotland v Norway	
18.11.89	France v Cyprus	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	8	3	5
Scotland	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
France	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Norway	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
Cyprus	3	0	1	2	1	8	1

GROUP 6

21. 5.88	Northern Ireland v Malta	3-0
14. 9.88	Northern Ireland v Rep. Ireland	0-0
19.10.88	Hungary v Northern Ireland	1-0
16.11.88	Spain v Rep. Ireland	2-0
11.12.88	Malta v Hungary	2-2
21.12.88	Spain v Northern Ireland	
22. 1.89	Malta v Spain	
8. 2.89	Northern Ireland v Spain	
8. 3.89	Hungary v Rep. Ireland	
22. 3.89	Spain v Malta	
12. 4.89	Hungary v Malta	
26. 4.89	Malta v Northern Ireland	
26. 4.89	Rep. Ireland v Spain	
28. 5.89	Rep. Ireland v Malta	
4. 6.89	Rep. Ireland v Hungary	
6. 6.89	Northern Ireland v Hungary	
11.10.89	Hungary v Spain	
11.10.89	Rep. Ireland v Northern Ireland	
15.11.89	Spain v Hungary	
15.11.89	Malta v Rep. Ireland	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northern Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	1	3
Hungary	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Spain	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Rep. Ireland	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Malta	2	0	1	1	2	5	1

GROUP 7

1. 9.88	Luxembourg v Switzerland	1-4
19.10.88	Luxembourg v Czechoslovakia	0-2
19.10.88	Belgium v Switzerland	1-0
16.11.88	Czechoslovakia v Belgium	0-0
16.11.88	Portugal v Luxembourg	1-0
15. 2.89	Portugal v Belgium	
29. 4.89	Portugal v Switzerland	
30. 4.89	Belgium v Czechoslovakia	
10. 5.89	Czechoslovakia v Luxembourg	
7. 6.89	Luxembourg v Belgium	
7. 6.89	Switzerland v Czechoslovakia	
6. 9.89	Belgium v Portugal	
20. 9.89	Switzerland v Portugal	
6.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Portugal	
11.10.89	Luxembourg v Portugal	
11.10.89	Switzerland v Belgium	
25.10.89	Czechoslovakia v Switzerland	
25.10.89	Belgium v Luxembourg	
15.11.89	Portugal v Czechoslovakia	
15.11.89	Switzerland v Luxembourg	

Winners and runners-up from groups 3, 5, 6 and 7 qualify for the finals along with the winners of groups 1, 2 and 4 plus the two runners-up from groups 1, 2, and 4 with the best comparative records.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czechoslovakia	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Belgium	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Portugal	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	1	7	0

AFRICA

ROUND 1

7. 8.88	Angola v Sudan	0-0
11.11.88	Sudan v Angola	1-2
	Angola 2-1 on agg	
	Zimbabwe w/o v Lesotho	
	Zambia w/o v Rwanda (withdrew)	
16. 7.88	Uganda v Malawi	1-0
30. 7.88	Malawi v Uganda	3-1
	Malawi 3-2 on agg	
3. 6.89	Libya v Burkino Faso	3-0
3. 7.89	Burkino Faso v Libya	2-0
	Libya 3-2 on agg	
7. 8.88	Ghana v Liberia	0-0
21. 8.88	Liberia v Ghana	2-0
	Liberia 2-0 on agg	
5. 8.88	Tunisia v Guinea	5-0
21. 8.88	Guinea v Tunisia	3-0
	Tunisia 5-3 on agg	
	Gabon w/o v Togo	

ROUND 2

Group A

6. 1.89	Algeria v Zimbabwe
8. 1.89	Ivory Coast v Libya
20. 1.89	Libya v Algeria
22. 1.89	Zimbabwe v Ivory Coast
11. 6.89	Ivory Coast v Algeria
11. 6.89	Zimbabwe v Libya
23. 6.89	Libya v Ivory Coast
25. 6.89	Zimbabwe v Algeria
11. 8.89	Algeria v Libya
13. 8.89	Ivory Coast v Zimbabwe
25. 8.89	Algeria v Ivory Coast
25. 8.89	Libya v Zimbabwe

Group B

6. 1.89	Egypt v Liberia
7. 1.89	Kenya v Malawi
21. 1.89	Malawi v Egypt
22. 1.89	Liberia v Kenya
10. 6.89	Kenya v Egypt
11. 6.89	Liberia v Malawi
24. 6.89	Malawi v Kenya
25. 6.89	Liberia v Egypt
11. 8.89	Egypt v Malawi
12. 8.89	Kenya v Liberia
25. 8.89	Egypt v Kenya
26. 8.89	Malawi v Liberia

Group C

7. 1.89	Nigeria v Gabon
8. 1.89	Cameroon v Angola
22. 1.89	Gabon v Cameroon
22. 1.89	Angola v Nigeria
10. 6.89	Nigeria v Cameroon
10. 6.89	Angola v Gabon
25. 6.89	Gabon v Nigeria
12. 8.89	Nigeria v Angola
13. 8.89	Cameroon v Gabon
27. 8.89	Cameroon v Nigeria
27. 8.89	Gabon v Angola

Group D

8. 1.89	Morocco v Zambia
8. 1.89	Zaire v Tunisia
22. 1.89	Tunisia v Morocco
22. 1.89	Zambia v Zaire
11. 6.89	Zaire v Morocco
11. 6.89	Zambia v Tunisia
25. 6.89	Zambia v Morocco
25. 6.89	Tunisia v Zaire
13. 8.89	Morocco v Tunisia
13. 8.89	Zaire v Tunisia
25. 8.89	Tunisia v Zambia
27. 8.89	Morocco v Zaire

ROUND 3

Winners Gp 1 v Winners Gp 2; Winners Gp 3 v Winners Gp 4. Aggregate winning teams qualify for the finals.

ASIA

WEST ASIA

Group 1: Jordan, Iraq, Oman, Qatar.

6. 1.89	Qatar v Jordan
6. 1.89	Oman v Iraq

13. 1.89 Oman v Qatar
13. 1.89 Jordan v Iraq
20. 1.89 Jordan v Oman
20. 1.89 Qatar v Iraq
27. 1.89 Jordan v Qatar
27. 1.89 Iraq v Oman
3. 2.89 Qatar v Oman
3. 2.89 Iraq v Jordan
10. 2.89 Oman v Jordan
10. 2.89 Iraq v Qatar

Group 2
10. 3.89 Bahrain v Saudi Arabia
10. 3.89 Yeman AR v Syria
15. 3.89 Saudi Arabia v Syria
15. 3.89 Bahrain v Yemen AR
20. 3.89 Yemen AR v Saudi Arabia
20. 3.89 Syria v Bahrain
25. 3.89 Saudi Arabia v Bahrain
25. 3.89 Syria v Yemen AR
30. 3.89 Syria v Saudi Arabia
30. 3.89 Yemen AR v Bahrain
5. 4.89 Saudi Arabia v Yemen AR
5. 4.89 Bahrain v Syria

Group 3: UAE, Kuwait, Pakistan (RP 'South' Yemen withdrew).

EAST ASIA
Group 4: S.Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal (India withdrew so Nepal were switched from Group 5 to square the numbers).

Group 5
20. 2.89 Thailand v Bangladesh
23. 1.89 Thailand v Iran
26. 2.89 Bangladesh v Iran
28. 2.89 Thailand v China
4. 3.89 Bangladesh v China
5. 3.89 Iran v Thailand
8. 3.89 Bangladesh v Thailand
10. 3.89 Iran v Bangladesh
28. 5.89 China v Bangladesh
11. 6.89 China v Iran
21. 6.89 Iran v China
28. 6.89 China v Thailand

Group 6
21. 5.89 Indonesia v N.Korea
21. 5.89 Hong Kong v Japan
27. 5.89 Hong Kong v N.Korea
28. 5.89 Indonesia v Japan
4. 6.89 Hong Kong v Indonesia
4. 6.89 Japan v N.Korea
11. 6.89 N.Korea v Hong Kong
11. 6.89 Japan v Indonesia
18. 6.89 N.Korea v Indonesia
18. 6.89 Japan v Hong Kong
25. 6.89 Indonesia v Hong Kong
25. 6.89 N.Korea v Japan

Winners of all groups play off in a league system with top two teams qualifying for the finals.

NORTH/CENTRAL AMERICA

Round 1
19. 6.88 Antigua v Neth. Antilles 0-1
29. 7.88 Neth. Antilles v Antigua 3-1
Neth. Antilles 4-1 on agg
12. 5.88 Jamaica v Puerto Rico 1-0
29. 5.88 Puerto Rico v Jamaica 1-2
Jamaica 3-1 on agg
17. 4.88 Guyana v Trinidad/Tobago 0-4
8. 5.88 Trinidad/Tobago v Guyana 1-0
Trinidad/Tobago 5-0 on agg
17. 7.88 Costa Rica v Panama 1-1
31. 7.88 Panama v Costa Rica 0-2
Costa Rica 3-1 on agg
30. 4.88 Cuba v Guatemala 0-1
15. 5.88 Guatemala v Cuba 1-1
Guatemala 2-1 on agg

Round Two
1.10.88 Neth. Antilles v El Salvador 0-1
16.10.88 El Salvador v Neth. Antilles 5-0
El Salvador 6-0 on agg
30.10.88 Trinidad/Tobago v Honduras 0-0
13.11.88 Honduras v Trinidad/Tobago 1-1
Trinidad/Tobago on away goal: 1-1 agg
24. 7.88 Jamaica v United States 0-0
31. 7.88 United States v Jamaica 5-1
United States 5-1 on agg
9.10.88 Guatemala v Canada 1-0
15.10.88 Canada v Guatemala 3-2
Guatemala on away goals: 3-3 agg
Costa Rica w/o v Mexico

Round Three
19. 3.89 Guatemala v Costa Rica
2. 4.89 Costa Rica v Guatemala
21. 4.89 Costa Rica v United States
30. 4.89 United States v Costa Rica
13. 5.89 United States v Trin/Tobago
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Note: Top two qualify for finals.

OCEANIA

Round 1
11.12.88 Taiwan v New Zealand 0-4
18.12.88 New Zealand v Taiwan
26.11.88 Fiji v Australia 1-0
3.12.88 Australia v Fiji 5-2
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Round 2
5. 3.89 Israel v Taiwan/New Zealand
12. 3.89 Australia v Taiwan/New Zealand
19. 3.89 Israel v Australia
2. 4.89 Taiwan/New Zealand v Australia
9. 4.89 Taiwan/New Zealand v Israel
16. 4.89 Australia v Israel

Winning team plays winners of S. America Gp 2 for place in the finals.

SOUTH AMERICA

Group 1
20. 8.89 Bolivia v Peru
27. 8.89 Peru v Uruguay
3. 9.89 Bolivia v Uruguay
10. 9.89 Peru v Bolivia
17. 9.89 Uruguay v Bolivia
24. 9.89 Uruguay v Peru

Group 2
20. 8.89 Colombia v Ecuador
27. 8.89 Paraguay v Colombia
3. 9.89 Ecuador v Colombia
10. 9.89 Paraguay v Ecuador
24. 9.89 Colombia v Paraguay
1.10.89 Ecuador v Paraguay

Group 3
30. 7.89 Venezuela v Brazil
6. 8.89 Venezuela v Chile
13. 8.89 Chile v Brazil
20. 8.89 Brazil v Venezuela
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1.11.88 Denmark v Bulgaria 1-3
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25. 4.89 Bulgaria v Denmark
25. 4.89 Greece v Rumania
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16. 5.89 Rumania v Bulgaria
10.10.89 Denmark v Rumania
10.10.89 Bulgaria v Greece
14.11.89 Rumania v Denmark
14.11.89 Greece v Bulgaria

Group 2
18.10.88 England v Sweden 1-1
18.10.88 Poland v Albania 0-0
4.11.88 Albania v Sweden 0-2
7. 3.89 Albania v England
25. 4.89 England v Albania
6. 5.89 Sweden v Poland
2. 6.89 England v Poland
5. 9.89 Sweden v England
7.10.89 Sweden v Albania
10.10.89 Poland v England
24.10.89 Poland v Sweden
14.11.89 Poland v Sweden

Group 3
18.10.88 Soviet Union v Austria 2-2
1.11.88 Austria v Turkey 3-0
29.11.88 Turkey v East Germany 3-2
11. 4.89 East Germany v Turkey
25. 4.89 Soviet Union v East Germany
9. 5.89 Turkey v Soviet Union
16. 5.89 East Germany v Austria
5. 9.89 Austria v Soviet Union
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7.10.89 East Germany v Soviet Union
24.10.89 Turkey v Austria
7.11.89 Soviet Union v Turkey
14.11.89 Austria v East Germany

Group 4
30. 8.88 Finland v West Germany 0-3
13. 9.88 Iceland v Holland 1-1
28. 9.88 Finland v Iceland 2-1
18.10.88 West Germany v Holland 2-0
25. 4.89 Holland v West Germany
30. 5.89 Finland v Holland
30. 5.89 Iceland v West Germany
5. 9.89 Iceland v Finland
3.10.89 West Germany v Finland
10.10.89 Holland v Iceland
25.10.89 West Germany v Iceland
14.11.89 Holland v Finland

Group 5
13. 9.88 Norway v Scotland 1-1
27. 9.88 France v Norway 2-0
18.10.88 Scotland v Yugoslavia 0-2
18.11.88 Yugoslavia v France 2-2
7. 3.89 Scotland v France
24. 4.89 France v Yugoslavia
13. 6.89 Norway v Yugoslavia
5. 9.89 Norway v France
5. 9.89 Yugoslavia v Scotland
10.10.89 Yugoslavia v Norway
10.10.89 France v Scotland
14.11.89 Scotland v Norway

Group 6
11.12.88 Cyprus v Hungary
22. 3.89 Cyprus v Spain
12. 4.89 Hungary v Cyprus
31. 5.89 Spain v Cyprus
10.10.89 Hungary v Spain
14.11.89 Spain v Hungary

Group 7
15.11.88 Czechoslovakia v Belgium 0-3
14. 2.89 Portugal v Belgium
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25. 4.89 Portugal v Luxembourg
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